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## PREFACE.

AMONG the many services rendered by the decipherment of the ancient monuments of Ecopt and Assyria, none perhaps is more important than the certain basis it has afforded for the restoration of the chronology of the past. A true chronology is the necessary skeleton and framework of history, the events of which cannot be rightly understood and made instructive until we know their exect order and succession The Old Testament was for a long time the sole source from which a chronological system of early history could be extracted; and we now know how imperfect that source was. The last few years. however, have opened up unexpected stores of information. Much light has come from Egypt, and still more from Assyria. The civilisations of the Tigris and Euphrates were in closer connection with the traditions and annals of the Hebrews than was that of the Nile; and while the lists of enonymes enable us to fix the dates of the most important part of Asserian history with absolute precision, the key-periods of Jewish and Israelitish history are just those which have been determined and settled by the evidence of the eunciform inscriptions.

It is this fact which has made me presumptuous enough, at the request of the Author, to trespass upon the domains of professed chronologists, and to draw attention as well

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as I can to the new and striking views set forth in the present volume. The Assyrian student is sometimes obliged to handle matters of chronology; and it thus happened that I found myself forced to investigate the difficult chronological questions connected with the campaign of Semancherib against Hezekinh. The result of a comparison of the native monuments with the phenomenan presented by the Hebrew text seemed to me to leave no room for doubt that whereas the campaign of Semancherib took place in Ex. 701, there was an earlier conquest of Judena by Sargon ten years before (n.e. 711), in the four-teenth year of Hezekinh. Bly satisfaction was great at finding that M. de Bussen had arrived at the same conclusion on wholly independent grounds and in accordance with his scenest scheme of chronology.

This scheme, it will be seen, is a complete whole, the several parts of which hang together like the stones of an arch. A correct interpretation of the facts of Jewish, Berwitian, and Bubylonian history is shown to result in a

perfect harmony and a series of renarkable synchronisms. The author begins with an original theory of his, subsequently confirmed by Professor Miller, of Basel, that Shemites were a compound of Japhethites and Hamites or Aryans and non-Aryans; and abmitis a now confirmation of it in the thesis that what in Genesie is called the birth of Shem refers to, or at all events is directly connected with, the capture of Babylon by the Medes of Beresus, in 2458 ns. Other reasons are sessioned for regarding this year as the starting-point of Habraw chronology and explaining ethnically the birth of Shem.

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establishment of a fresh (Elamite) dynasty in Babylonia, whose first king may have been the Chedorlaomer of Genesis.

Now, the unhistorical character of the 1656 years between the Creation and the Deluge seems placed beyond all dispute; and if the neriod of 592 years from the Exodus to the building of the Temple can really be proved, St. Paul and Josephus must have derived their information upon this point from some nipublished source. Here, then, we are referred to the hidden wisdom, the verbal tradition of the initiated, which has already formed the subject of a special investigation by M. de Buusen. and is the real centre of his present researches. These researches, however, find what may be called their conerete expression in a scheme of Hebrew chronology which can be verified by a comparison with the annals of Assyria and Babylonia. In this way the author works back to the chronology of Egypt, and, by fixing the year 928 Br. as the fifth of Rehubonn and 948 Br. as that of Shishak's accession, is able to date the Manethonian Dynasties both backwards and forwards. A series of noteworthy synchronisms is the result, among which may be mentioned the threefold synchronism for the Pharach of the Exodus and the sevenfold synchronism for the year 711. No liberties, it may be said, have been taken in bringing about this harmony; the author claims to have made the Biblical and Assyrian records tell their own tale, though the system of co-regencies may not altogether exclude criticism. Since, however, Shahnaneser mentions the name of Ahab among the confederacy defeated by him in 854 n.c., it would appear that the battles of Karkar and Ramoth-Gilead were fought in the same viii PREFAGE.

year, and that the fourth year of Ahab corresponded with first of Jedochaphata's ole regency, not of his vigin.

Other points suggested in the course of the work will excite nunch interest and discussion. Entirely new theories are put forward in regard to the age of Ezra and the Feast of Purina, and to the possible presence of St. Feter in Rome in the ninth year after the Crucifixion. But the conclusions most calculated to provoke attention and controvery are those connected with the life of Clirist. Beasons are given for necepting the statement of Clirist. Beasons are given for necepting the statement of when he died. His birth is placed fourteen years before the Christian Era, and the wisdom which astonished the dieders at dereastlen in a two of twelve years of age

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I fed fully how very inadequate the prescring sketch of the centents of the present volume must be. But I have already stated my exerus for having undertaken to describe them: and I can only add my wish that they could have found a better higroglant. Much of the book trenches upon the province of the Asyriologue; and here at least I may be permitted to speak. The rest must be falt to the judgment of others.

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### INTRODUCTION.

This science of language, and the discovered proofs of early civiliation, have established the fact that the Biblical Chronology, in the form transmitted to us, is too short, in its early periods, to allow us to regard it as strictly historical. Hence we must either assume that those who recorded the Chronology of Hebrew tradition were not sufficiently instructed in this branch of human knowledge, or that, for some reason or other, a designed alteration of traditional Chronology took place.

Hitherto, designed alterations have been proved in but we out of three records of the ancestors of Abraham, as contained in the Hebrew, the Greek, and the Samaritan texts. The spuriously inserted generation of the second Cainan' in the Septangint is likewise found in the Gospel according to St. Luke. It has remained doubtful whether or not the genealogies in the Hebrew text have been preserved in accordance with historical traditions.

Several and more important alterations of this kind can be detected in the Hebrew text with mathematical precision. As might be expected, we find them, not in any statement of detail, but in the record of two periods —of the period from Adam to the Flood, and in that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Mr. B. Stuart Poole's article on 'Chronology' in Dr. Smith's Dictionary of the Bible; also 'The Genssis of the Earth and Man,' p. 92.

from the Exodus to the building of the Temple. It will be shown that the Biblieal text transmitted to us, as regards these two periods, cannot have been fixed before the return from Babylon, and that Hebrew Chronology was shortened for dogmatic reasons.

If these assertions can be sufficiently substantiated, no revision of the Biblical text would be complete which did not eradicate such undoubtedly multistrical alterations. This would be a step in the right direction. Thing it will ever be impossible to decide whether and to what extent alterations of the original Biblical records were effected, and still less how they are to be interpreted, yet the removal of polpable errors, without making the Bible an infallible book, would reader more universal the conviction that a 'good deposit' of Divingly revealed truths is therein contained—that the Word of God is in the Bible

Only in one of the two instances just mentioned can the incorrect period be safely replaced by the correct period. We hope to prove that 502 years, instead of 480 years, must be reckosed from the Exodus to the building of the Temple; and that the Apostle Taul and Josephus draw from one and the same oral or non-written tradition when they corrected the recorded period of 480 years the one directly, the other indirectly. The incorrect and abbreviated period of 1,656 years, from Adan to the Flood, may possibly be replaced by one of 8,223 years; but this is a mere hypothesis at present.

The historical part of Hebrew Chronology begins with the year 2458 s.c., and from this date the Chronological information of the Bible is absolutely continuous. The enlargement of the period from the Exodus to the building of the Temple by 112 years, permits us to regard as historical the entire Chronology referring to the time of the Judges, and to show that the judgeship of Somnel lasted thirty-two years. Shishak's accession occurred during the reien of Solomon, as the Bible requires it: and the first expedition of the Assyrians to Judge, in the time of Surron, but possibly under the leadership of his son and successor Segmenterib, perhaps his co-revent, era be proved to have taken place, in absolute harmour with the Biblical statement, in the Sourteenth year of Hesekink, that is, in the year 711 n.c., the year given to the expedition to Ashdod and Judsh by the Assyrien sunals. known to us from cureiform inscriptions lately decishered. But the recorded destruction of Sourscherib's army refere to the second Assyrien compaign to the land of Jurlah in 701 s.c. Surrous seems to have at least surrounded Jerusalem in 711, and the finion of both accounts in the

Behave records must be attributed to a desire. All synchronisms required by the Bible and Assyrian inscriptions can be proved. In connection with the year TI1 n.c., we hope to establish a sixfold, if not a seronfold synchronism, which may be recorded as the suces recordable historical coincidence of sprient history. If we succeed in proving, that after the necessary correction of two of its periods, Hebrew Chronology refers to consecutive events, and that it commences at least 4.831 years before the present time, the historical value of the earliest Biblical records will have been vindicated. It has not pleased God to watch over the composition and preservation of the Bible in such a meaner as to prevent the record of error and even the intentional purversion of truth. But His Holy Spirit will lead mankind into all Truth.

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CHEONOLOGICAL TALLES.

# CHRONOLOGY OF THE BIBLE

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## THE PROBLEM.

Han THE HEBREWS an historical chronology before the time of Solomon? This is absolutely denied by some of the ablest chronologists, it is doubted by many, and it has not yet been proved by anyone. If these remarkable people were brought in contact alternately with the most civilised nations of ancient times, with the Egyptians, the Babylonians, and the Assyrians, and if these nations had historical chronologies, it is probable, at the outset, that the Israelites must have possessed an historical tradition.

This assumption will be raised to the dignity of a fast as soon as it shall have been proved that two of the chronological periods in Genesis are incorrect.—that is, the most ament priori of 1650 years and that of 460 years. To prove this is our first object. We shall determine with mathematical presision that the soleme of 7000 years has led to the shortening of the time from Adam to the Piood to 1050 years, and implies the duration of 502 years, not of 480 years, for the period from the exocus to the foundation of the temple. If we succeed in proving this, the designed alteration of the periods of 1565 and of 480 years will be established beyond all reasonable doubt, and it will be shown that this alteration of Hebrew tradition cannot possibly have taken place before the time of Exra.

## THE PATRIARCHS AND THE MILLENNIUM.

We assume the date for the Noachian deluge to be 2360 s.c., a date the correctness of which will be proved.

# Patriarche before the Flood. Patriarche after the Flood.

Adom .		4016-3086	Arphaxed		2358-1920
Seth .		3886-2074	Salah .		2223-1800
Enos .		3781-2876	Eber .		2293-1829
Cainan .		3091-2781	Peleg .		2259-2020
Mahalaleel		8621-2726	Reu .		2220-1990
Jared .		3556-2504	Serug .	:	2107-1007
Enoch .		3394-3029	Nahor .		2107-2010
Methuselah		3320-2300	Ternh .		2138-1933
Lamech		3142-2365	A.braham		2008-1808
Nosh .		2000-2010	Isaac .		1008-1788
Shom .		2458-1858	Jacob .		1900-1703
			Joseph .		1816-1706
The Flood		2860	Moses		1643-1528

Whils, according to the Hebrow text, Methuselah died a few months or days before the commencement of the Flood, this supposition is untenable according to the Greek text. In the Septuagint, to which Jesus and the Apostles generally referred, Methuselah is stated to have been alive fourteen years after the Flood. On the supposition that the Flood was universal, and all men periabel except those saved in the Ark, we should have to assume an unrecorded mimeulous intervention in favour of Methuselah.

Assuming the statements in Genesis about the duration of the lives of the patriarchs to be historical in the form given above, the period from Adam to Moses would be bridged over by the lives of exactly seven persons. For Methuselah lived 243 years with Adam.

and he must have been able to relate to Noah and his sons the history about Eden, Adam and Eve, and the sement, exactly as he had beard it from the lins of Adam. Thus instructed by the contemporary of Adam, Shem was able to transmit this tradition to Jacob during the fifty years that these chosen men lived together. Jacob could thus have been informed by a contemporary of Methuselah how this patriarch was either removed by a timely death in the year of the Flood, or how by an unrecorded miraculous intervention of Providence, and without joining the favoured party in the Ark, the man of 969 years escaped from the condign punishment of the Flood, his only son Lamech having died five years before him, at the age of 777 years. This 'holy' tradition, transmitted directly by Adam, Methuselah, and Shem, Jacob could transmit to his son Levi, whose daughter Joehebed could instruct in this patriarchal tradition her son Moses, the future lawgiver, who, according to Rabbinieal tradition, was the founder of the institution of seventy elders, and whom he instructed in the oral tradition. This was the most important initiation of the man who was brought up in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. Hebrew tradition began to be written down in the time of Moses, but, by an uninterrupted succession, this 'holy' tradition went up to Adam. Like the house of divine wisdom, the house of holy tradition was built on seven pillars.1

We shall now show that the sum total of the duration of lives assigned to the patriarchs has been shortened by the sum total of the years which each patriarch is recorded to have lived together with his one recorded son. This latter sum total will be found to corre-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prov. ix. 1; comp. Gal. ii. 0. St. Peter was regreded as one of the 'pillars,' at the same time as 'the rock.' The wisdom of God (or the fillars, and the same time as 'the rock.' The wisdom of God,' is called 'the opinion of the province of God and the wisdom of God,' is called 'the opinion which followed the Israelites.' 'The rock' is a symbolical expression for the Iloi; Ghost.'

spoud to the 1656 years which remained for the period from the Flood to Adam, if the scheme of 7000 years was to be supported by Hebrew chronology. The first period of 930 years called after Adam was not followed by the period of 912 years called after Ends, and so on; but Seth lived contemporaneously with Adam 800 years, Ends with Seth 807 years, and so on. Thus the recorded periods of 825 years, from Adam to the Flood, have been systematically shortened to 1656 years, for dogmatic processes.

We maintain that the pre-Noachian period, thus un historically shortened, was made to appear historical. This was done by regarding as personal names the names given to periods, by assuming that each patriarch had only one son, and by letting these sons live together with their fathers exactly as many years as were required by the scheme of 7000 years. If the first period of Hebrew chronology had been assumed to have lasted, or had according to tradition lasted, 930 years, and had possibly been called Adam, these 930 years were regarded as the duration of Admu's life: he was recorded to have been 130 years old when he begat Seth, and father and son were stated to have lived together 800 years. Instead of adding together the years of possibly traditional successive periods, those years were added together which represented the ages of each patriarch at the birth of the one recorded son. Thus the 1656 years were obtained, as required by the scheme of 7000 years. which scheme, as we shall now proceed to show, could not have been connected with Hebrew chronology before the time of Ezra.

In the seventieth year after the destruction of the temple by Nebnehadnezzar, 586 u.c., that is in the year 516, the sixth year of Darius Hystaepes, the newly-built temple was finished and consecrated, in exact fulfilment of the proobecy of the seventy years of exile in the book of Jeremiala, But already in 536, in the fiftieth or jubilec year after the destruction of the temple, Cyrus, the anointed of God, had given permission to the Israelites to return from Babylon to Judga. The restoration of the theoracy, therefore, took place during the last twenty of the seventy years of Jeremiah. It soon became apparent that this return of a small part of two tribes could only be regarded as a provisional fulfilment of the promised restoration of Israel. gathered from all the countries to which they had been exiled, a mere forcrunner of the promised glory of Jerusalem. It became the duty of Israel's spiritual leaders to fan the faint longing of the people after the final restitution of all things. No better means could have been selected for this object than the attempt to fix the times of the end. A symbol was deemed to be necessary, and a symbol was created.

The historical events which had led to the building of the second temple under Zorrubbale were regarded as types of the future fulfilment of prophecy. The sercety puriods of Jeremiah were enlarged to seventy jubilee periods, or to 8500 years, seeing that the first jubilee year after the destruction of the temple had marked the commencement of the typical restoration. Naturally the idea thus suggested itself to regard the twenty last years of the now ended period of seventy years—that is, the time from 586 to 516—as a type of the last twenty jubilee periods—that is, of 20 × 50 = 1000 years, as a type of the future milleautium, which was to close the 7000 years of the earlier sexistence.

The restoration of Israel, which, after the seventy years of Jeremish in 516, at the time of the consecution of the second temple, was regarded as future—the Messianic time, when the light of Zion should come—was connected with the last twenty jubilees, that is with a period of a thousand years, commencing with the fittisht jubilee, with the jubilee of jubilees. The seventy jubilee periods which caded with the millennium were reckoned, like their

type, the seventy years of Jeremiah, from the destruction of the temple in 586. The initiated contemporaries of Zerubbabel, of Joshua and Ezra, would know that the millennium, the coming of the expected Messiah, must begin analogously with the typical return under Zerubhalich, with the jubilee of jubilees, or after  $50 \times 50 = 2500$ years after 586 B.C., and thus the millennium was placed in the approaching time from 1914-2914 a.p. The required symbol would not have been complete unless the destruction of Babylon, which preceded the typical restoration of the theocracy under Cyrus, was marked as a type of a future fall of Babylon which should precede the millengium. Already the prophet Zechariah speaks of a future fall of Babylon, which is fully described in the Apocalypse. The seer of Patmos expected the millennium in his time, or soon after, and thus proves that he had certainly no knowledge of the unhistorical and unprophetic scheme of the time of Ezra.

The following tables will help to elucidate the above remarks:—

The Second Half of the 7000 Years, or from the Destruction of the First Temple to the End of the Millennium, 3500 Years.

The seventy years of	The seventy weeks of Daniel.			
Destruction of the temple	Fifty years.	lees.		
Fall of Babylon and re- turn to Jerusalem	Seventy yes	Seronty jubi jubiloes, Fill years, 2000 years		
Consocration of second }	516	2014 A.C.		

<sup>1</sup> About the time of Exra, see pp. 52-57.

THE FIRST HALF OF THE 7000 YEARS, OR FROM THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FIRST TEMPLE TO THE CREATION OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, 3500 YEARS.

This type of the 70 weeks or jubilee periods of the future could not suggest itself before the return from Bulylon and the consecration of the temple. Not earlier than from 580-510 no. could the historically ful-filled 70 years of Jeremish be regarded as typical. The schone of 7000 years, with which the millennium was connected, could only then be conseived in the form shown above, and be suggested by Billified thermology. We shall see that in the year 515 Earls mission to Jeruslem took place, and we may assume that this learned seribe, by whom the Biblical text was revised and settled, did sametion, if he did not suggest, this scheme which has given rise to the theory of the millennium. From the preceding tables it will be seen that the

science of 7000 years, intended to be supported by Biblical chronology, requires the shortening to 1656 years of the time intervening between the Flood and the creation of Adam. With the remaining mystic number of seventy years for the seven days of the creation of the universe, this period forms the exact complement of 7000 years. The 1656 expressed years and the 70 implied years clearly prove that the period form

According to Josephus, Ant. viii. 3, 1; confirmed by St. Paul, Acts xiii. 20. Compare also Judges xl. 20; see p. 27.

the execlus to the foundation of the temple was acknowledged as a period of 592, and not of 480 years. Had this period been fixed in the text at 592 instead of 480 years, to which former duration both St. Faul and Scephus refer, then it would have been more easy to detect the systematic alteration of a part of Hebrew throuology. We cannot, therefore, help surmising that the incorrect limitation of the period from the exodus to the foundation of the temple, like the intentional shortening of the pre-Noachian period to 1656 years, originated in a design.

It corresponds well with the intentional alteration of the most ancient period of recorded Hebrew chronology, that the 1865 years are composed of twenty-three Pleiades periods of seventy-two years, as Mr. R. G. Haliburton, of Nova Scotia, has first discovered.<sup>1</sup>

#### POSSIBLE ANTEDILUVIAN TRADITION OF 8225 YEARS.

The period of 1665 years, now proved to have been incorrectly determined, may be possibly connected with a very remote tradition. By regarding the periods before the Flood, with which the names of the so-called patriarchs have been connected, as successive periods, the 8225 years before the Flood would reach to the year 10,585 n.e., if the Hebrew year of the Flood was 2860, as we hope to prove to demonstration. It would not follow, however, from this, that in the eleventh millennium before our era the first man saw the light of day.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> R. G. Halibutton, New Material for the History of Mon, derived from a Comperious of the Colenders and Relinited of Metion, Halilar, Nova 1, 1803 and 1884, partly reprinted in Planti Smyth's Life and Werk at the Great Pyrenia's. Compare our shortly appearing word, The Phoisica and the Zoline in Index relations to Bibblest Symbolium, dedicated to 10. O. Halilard, which are in the Colence in Compared to the Colence of the Colence in Colence of the Colence in Colence of the Colence in Colence of the Colence of the Colence in Colence of the Colence of t

Sargon II, states that \$50 ancestors of his reigned over the Assyrians, and the dates of Ctesias, whose testimony may have been underrated, go for to correct this assertion, as we shall point out. As all chronological periods hitherto known from canciform inscriptions will be proved correct. Sergon's assertion may be so likewise. If Berosus in the fourth century before Christ could transmit historical Babylonian dates reaching up to 2458, the Hebrews during the Babylonian captivity could test or correct their traditional chronology by the cunciform inscriptions, and by the traditions of Chaldrean priests. We shall show that the earliest historical date of Berosus known to us, the capture of Babylon by the 'Medes' in 2458, has been assigned by Hebrew chronology to what in Genesis is called the birth of Shen. We shall moreover show that the commencement of the second Chaldwan dynasty in 1993-1992 with a probable Kudurlagamer, synchroniscs with the exodus of Abraham from Haran. This connection between Hebrew and Chaldman chronology, once proved, will permit us to conjecture that if there was a Babylonian or an Assyrian chronological tradition which went beyond 2458, the Hebrews in Babylonia, and therefore Ezra, may have known it.

If becomes an ever-increasing probability that tribal radiations existed in prehistori times—that long before the invention of any recorded alphabet, the knowledge of a verbal tradition formed the highest privilege of the highest class, to which the priests belonged. If so, the unabhreviated periods of Genesis which precede the record of the Nocahian dehage may have been thus preserved by the channels of tradition.\(^{1}\) Without our

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> We have suggested that the period of Eose the son of Seth, of the lectits and religious reformer of the Neinbream (files-fice), which would reach to the time from 8743-7898 a.c., may have referred to the region of the sixth Chavanian Vistagas in Bacter, and to Zorouche to, in whose time, as in the days of Zhoo, 'man begue to publish the name of General India-Seth-Zorouche, the first kine of the Medica (treaty of General India-Seth-Zorouche, the first kine of the Medica (treaty of

assuming this, the historical chronology of the Hebrews can be proved to have commenced, as we are going to show, by the Median capture of Babylou in 2458 B.C.

Hebrew chronology is indeed the greatest marvel of the world, even if we do not admit the possibility that Hebrew tradition goes back to the time of Eden\_that is, as we with others maintain. to the earliest traditional sojourn of the Arvan or Japhetic race on the highland of Pamer. near the sources of the Oxus and Indus, in the present Thibet. It is curious that the first date of the most ancient Semaritan tradition transmitted to us is the year 4700 for the creation of the world. This is a purely astronomical date, which refers to the entry of the sun at the vernal equinox into the sign of Taurus. The 4700 years cannot have been inserted into the Samaritan chronology before the year 382 B.c., when the sun entered Pisces at the vernal equinox. To the number 382 thus obtained, the duration of the precession of the equinoctial points for two degrees or two signs, those of Aries and Taurus, has been added. We do not know how this duration was then determined, but taking the mean time between the shortest or the correct date, 2 x 2158 =4316+382=4698, and the longest date,  $2 \times 2160+382$ =4702, we may regard 4700 as referring to this astronomical date. The year of the Samaritan Flood is connected with 4700, and therefore of equally modern date. The Samaritans, wishing to harmonise their chronology with Hebrew ehronology, deducted 1656 years from 4700, and thus they obtained 3044 for the year of the Flood. The Hebrew date for what is called the Noachian deluge-that is, as we shall see, the year 2360 B.C.-has

Babylon may have received, as reported, the name of Zorcoster, white. . a name of Hystaspes or Vashtaspa would point to the Bactrian king of the Iranians, who may have been one of the 350 Assyrian ancestors of Sargon II.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For this, and for our ethnic interpretation of the hirth of Shem, compare the important new work of Professor J. G. Müller in Bosel, Die Sewiten is Arem Verhältuss zu Chausten und Jonette. 18 12.

been determined by the implied Biblical date for the birth of Shem. The recorded catastrophe is placed 98 years after an historical event, designated as the birth of Shem.

## 'THE BIRTH OF SHEM' IN 2458 B.C.

The starting-point of provably historical chronology, as inserted in the books of Moses, is the birth of Shem, to which Genesis refers, and of which we shall now show that it certainly coincides with the taking of Babylon by the Medes in 2458 B.C. Assuming this for the sake of argument, the Noachian Flood, according to the Mosaic writings, took place in 2360; for, two years after this recorded catastrophe, Shem was a hundred years old.1 The very same year is referred to by Censorinus, about 288 A.D., who states, on the authority of Varro, 'the most learned of the Romans,' born 116 B.c., that the deluge took place 'about the year 2360.' As we have derived our Flood-date from the above passage in Genesis, this coincidence is not unimportant, and it confirms our date for the birth of Shem, which is implied in Genesis. But every doubt as to the correctness of this date must vanish before the fact that the remarkable results of our chronology, the establishment of all the synchronisms demanded by the Bible and by the Assyrian inscriptions, would not have been attained had we not regarded the year 2458 as the starting-point of the provably historical chronology of the Hebrews.

### THE EXODUS FROM HARAN IN 1903-1902 B.C.

Accepting the year 2458 for the birth of Shem, and thus also the year 2360 for the Flood, Abraham left Haran in the year 1993, that is, 367 years after the Flood.

<sup>1.</sup> Gen. xi. 10. About the 950 years of Noah, see The Pleiales and the Zoliac.

According to a statement of Berosus, a new dynasty came to the throne in Babylon in 1992, as will be seen by our restoration of his Babylonian dynasties. On Abraham's return from Egypt to Canaan, he and his men took part in the defeat of Chedorlaomer, king of Elam, who had invaded Syria or Canaan, according to Genesis. Later cunciform inscriptions mention a Kudur-Mabuk, 'servant' of (the divinity?) Mabuk, and after another divinity Lagamer, a ruler of Elam, Kudur-Lagamer, may have been set up in Babylon in 1992. After his name the Hebrew name Chedorlaomer is likely to have been formed. The inscriptions call Kudur-Mabuk 'Lord of Elam and Syria.' and the Bible makes similar statements about Chedor-As it is certain from Genesis that Abraham left Haran and returned from Egypt to Canaan before the defeat of Chedorlaomer in the vale of Shiddim, and that in the year of his leaving Haran a new dynasty came to the throne in Babylon, it is not unreasonable to assume that the Chedorlagmer of the Bible corresponds with the first king of the fourth dynasty, whose name may have been Kudurlagamer.

#### THE BATTLE OF SHIDDIN IN 1979 B.C.

The Hebrews must have entered Egypt, and commenced the period of their sarvitude in this country, a few years after the victory over Chiedoviacuner and his allies, that is, certainly not later than thirty years after Abrahm's leaving Mesopotamia, that is, in 1903, or 400 years before the exodis from Egypt in 1503. Only on this supposition the flat can be explained that in the Mossie writings the period of Hebrews servitude extended over 430 years according to the one passage, and over 400 years according to the one passage, and over 450 years according to the other. St. Pull follows the statement in Exodus, and confirms the explanations in the Greek text, when he dates the 450 years of Echrew servi-

tude from the exodus from Mesopotamia, and thus extends the servitude to that in Canaan as well as that in Egypt.<sup>1</sup>

Our chronology leads to a remarkable confirmation of this Apostolic statement. The victory of Abraham and his allies over Chedorloomer and his allies must necessarily have taken place, according to Bibliot records, during the thirty years from the exodus from Haran to the commencement of Hebrew servistude in Egypt. As already pointed out, in the selfsame year in which, according to our chronology, Abraham left Haran, 1993, a new dynasty came to the throne in Babylon, the first king of which may now be assumed to have been Kudragamer of Elmm. It 60bers that the fourteenth year of his rule, in which the battle of Shiddim occurred, full in the year 1979, and took place sixteen years before the commencement of the Hebrew servitude in Egypt, which lasted 400 years.

#### THE PHARAOH OF JOSEPH.

The Pharnolh of Joseph was certainly one of the Hystos kings, and therefore a successor of Sattos, whom Manetho names as the first of these kings. The same name, that of Sedangehi-Nukhi, cocurn in an inscription of Rameses II., found in Tanis-Avaris, in which it is stated that this Sattes (not the first of his name) rebuilt stated at temple to the god Seth, the national god of Hystos. The rebuilding of Tanis-Avaris, that is, of Zonn, the fortress of the Hykros, seven years before the original foundation of which Hebron was built, falls in the year 1744, if our date for the reign of Ramesess II. can be maintained. Abrahami lived in Hebron-Kirjuth-Arba before the battle against Chedorhomer, of which we have proved that it coeurred in the year 1979.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ex. xii. 40, 41; Gal. iii. 17; Heb. xi. 9. Compare Gen. xv. 13, 14 Acts vii, 0, 7; <sup>2</sup> Gen. xiii. 18; Num. xiii. 22.

The successor of Tiaaken, that is, King Kames of Thebes, the father of Ahmes, is mentioned on the monuments as Tsafento, or 'sustainer or feeder of the world,' a title which corresponds with the Hebrew Zanhnat-Pa'hneach, 'procurer of life,' the title which the Pharaoh gave to Joseph. For this reason Manetho and those who instructed him may have assumed that Joseph lived in the reign of Apeni or Apophis, the last of the Hyksos kings, so called by the Egyptians after the serpent, the symbol of Seth, the god of the shepherds. If our chronology be right, there can be no doubt but that Ahmham was received in Egypt by one of the Hyksos-Pharaohs. This is also indirectly confirmed by the facts that Hebron was built seven years before Tanis-Avaris-Zoan, the frontier fortress of the Hyksos, and that Abraham lived in Hebron, as already observed. before the battle of Shiddim in 1979. It follows from this that the fortress of the shenhards existed in the time of Abraham's journey to Egypt, between 1993 and 1979. Finally, the regency of Joseph under a Hyksos-Pharaoh is indirectly confirmed by the statement in Genesis that all the Egyptians said unto Joseph: 'Thou hast saved (sustained) our lives; let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be (the foreign) Pharaph's servants.' Thus also it is best explained why the Pharaoh of Hebrew bondage, being a native Eceptian (Ahmes), knew nothing of Joseph.

#### FROM THE DEATH OF JOSEPH TO THE EXODUS.

If we prove that the implied Hebrew date for the exodus from Egypt is 1563, then the hitherto undeterminable period from the death of Joseph to the exodus consisted of 143 years; for, if Terah died in 2183, Abraham lived from 2068-1898; Isaac, from 1968-1788; Jaeob

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Gen. xlvii, 25,

from 1900-1763. Joseph was born in 1816, sold in 1799, raised to the regency in 1786, and he died in 1706, his father having gone to Egypt probably about 1779-1778, when 130 years old, and in the first year of the famine.

# THE PHARAOH OF THE BONDAGE.

According to Manetho, the Pharaoh of Hebrew bondage was called Tuthmoses (Thot-Moses), and the Pharmoli of the exodus Amenophis. Still assuming that the exodus of the Israelites took place in 1563, Amenophis I., that is the successor of Alunes or Amoses I., the Amasis of Ptolemy's chronology, who also might be called Thot-Moses, can alone have been the Pharaoh of the exodus, according to any possible Egyptian chropology. It is true that a son of the Amenophis of the executes is called Sethes, according to the Manethonian tradition as transmitted to us; and this name of the Hyksos deity could hardly be given to a prince of the reigning house which had finally expelled them. But this is no counter-argument of any weight, as the information may not have been correct, and as Seth was certainly not long after reinstalled as an Egyptian deity. Again, according to the Manethonian legend, this prince was called Rampses (Ramesses?), and this name, originally one of a deity, actually occurs in an inscription as one of the names or titles of a prince of the family of Almes, so that also Amenophis might have had the title Rampses. After this deity, not after Amenophis-Rampses. or another king, the first rallying-point of the Israelites was called Ramses.

The monuments clearly show that Ahmes drove the foreign rulers ont of Avaris. An inscription testifies to the fact that Lower Egypt was reconquered from the foreign rulers in the twenty-second year of the rule of Ahmes, the first king of the eighteenth dynasty. An

Admiral Ahmes, who served under Ahmes and under his too successors, relates in another inscription that he took part in an attack by land and by water on Tanis-Avaris, the fortress of the Hykos. Till lately it has remained cloubtful whether the Hykosa regained possession of this fortress, and were repulsed a second time, and then finally left Egypt, as the Manchonian legend affirms. We shall try to prove that the Hebrews, called 'the lepers,' were the allies of the Hykosa, and that the exodus of the former took place five years before the final expulsion of the latter from the land of the Nile.

#### ETHNIC RELATIONS OF THE HEBBEWS.

The Hebrews, literally those 'from beyond,' and not necessarily from beyond the Euphrates, were the descendants as well of Abraham, whose ancestors had lived in the Chaldman Ur, as of the assumed personage Shem, who was born in the year when the Berosian Medes (Tranians) took Babylon in 2458. The ethnic traditions of these Hebrews contained in the tenth chapter of Genesis can be locally traced from the sources of the Oxus and Indus to Mesopotamia, where the first settlements of the Shemites were situated.1 These facts confirm our suggestion. that the unabbreviated periods of Genesis from 'Adam' to 'the Deluge,' whatever these words may have signified, seem to be based on tribal traditions. According to Genesis, the first inhabitants of Shinar came from the East, and according to Babylonian tradition, the mountain of the world' lay to the East. We hold that Japhetites and Hamites (Arvans and Turvans?) came from the East, and long before 'the birth of Shem' in Mesopotamia, became the first historical inhabitants of this country, called Shinar-Babylonia. It is submitted that these

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See our map on the Aberiginal Migrations of Mankind in Einheit der Religioner. i.

Alesopotamians from the East can, according to Genesis, be traced from the fir East to the West; that is, to Mesopotamia, the land of Shem's birth and estitements. According to this scheme, the Japhetites and Hamites lived in the East long before the birth of Shem, whilst the Shemiste were formed in Mesopotamia by a combination of Indian or Babylonian and Irunian or Asyrian Japhetites and Hamites in 2458 s.c., when 'Macles' took Eabylon. The recorded first descendants of Adam lived on the borders of the Ghon-Oxus, in the Hamitic land of Cush, and adjoining the Ease of the second chapter of Genesis, the Aryana-Vagio, or Aryan home, the Arivarvi of Tiglat Hiesar, on the north of the Himto-Cush or Indian Cush.

Without here further entering on the discussion of these questions, we refer to the above facts and the hypothesis based upon them, in order to show the necessary ethnic interpretation of what is in Genesis called the birth of Shem.1 We hope to establish, by a comparison of the principal flood-stories which have come down to us. that the story of Noah and his three sons cannot be taken literally, and must be figuratively interpreted.2 It is necessary to refer to this here, inasmuch as it has an important bearing on the now established intentional incorrectness of the period of 1656 years from Adam to the Flood, and because of the equally certain existence of flood-stories more or less similar to that of Genesis, but infinitely more ancient than the year 2360. With the period of 1656 years falls the assumption that the longlived patriarchs ever existed, though such individuals may possibly have lived during the unabbreviated periods of more than eight thousand years named after them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This was first suggested by C. Lenormant in 1834. The same result has been independently arrived at, and has been supported with an unsurpassable depth of scientifies and impartial criticism in Professor J. G. Müller's work on the Shemites in their relations to Hamites and Japhetites. <sup>2</sup> The Pleakets and the Zodiac, in their relations to Bilder's Symbolium, in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Piciades and the Zodiac, in their relations to Biblical Symbolium, in a work publishing in German, and from which an English edition is being prepared.

We have explained ethnically the birth of Shem, which we shall conclusively prove to coincide with the capture of Behylon by the Medes of Berosus, connected with the Zend-Avesta, or tradition written. We maintain, that after the Arvan separation in the Himalaya, and the conquest of India, referred to in Genesis as Havilah or Chavilah, some Indian Arvans or Japhetites ruling over Non-Arvans (Turvans?) or Hamites, that is, a race of high-caste whites and (broadly speaking) of low-easte blacks, migrated from India to the Persian Gulf, through Arabia to Egypt and Libya, and thence to Canaan. From Sidon they went towards Shinar, probably first so called by the Assyrians, the 'Sumir' of cunciform inscriptions, a people cognate with the Medes, who ruled there 224 years before Urukh, after the subjugation of the Babylonians, Akkadians, Hamites, or Indians. Thus was realised the recorded prophecy of Noah. that 'Janhet shall dwell in the tents of Shem.' that is, in Mesopotamia, and that Canaan, or Ham, shall be his servant or slave. The Black was the slave of the White long before the time to which the name of Noah is made to refer.

No wonder, then, that on the advance of the Cushiks ing of Elann, Abraham the Holwer, the leader of those who lad come from beyond, from the East, the leader of Indian Japhelica and Indian Hamilic tirbes, immediately broke up from Harm, and went to Egrpt to join the foreign or abordiginally Non-Egyptian rulers of that land. We understand why the Hybres-Pharmah kindly received Abraham, and why the Hebrers took a leading part, possibly with the direct assistance of the allies of the Egyptians in Canan, if not of the Egyptians themselves, in the repulsion of the Cushic king of Elana, whose objects seems to have been, with the gasistance of the Cushiks of Africa, of the native Egyptians and Ethio-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> M. Lenormant's unpublished discovery, who refers to W. A. L. ii. 46, 1, second column, for the word Suniritur, promising to prove that Sumir Arshur, and also "Sungir (Singara "Siaar). The positive proof for the latter derivation, first suggested by Dr. Haigh, is found by M. Lenormant in Aboulfron's (Lifet. Dynact. p. 18): (\*Shemannar, which is Ri-Semarnah.)

pians, to drive the Hykzoe from Egypk, with their uppercutto Iranian-Jugheste or Iranian-writin rutiers. With the santiance of an Indian Jughestic or withir rutier, of a chaldram (Gladdi or Odd?), this probable object of Cladonnouse was swetted, and it was left to Ahmes and Annanophis to carry is out move than 400 years later; after this, 'without cause, the Asyrian's more correctly the Iranians, the Hykson, had oppressed "the stranger," the people of God, the Richers, their Bills in Revysl."

We shall now point out the possible ethnic relations between the Bricke of Beroust, who relied in Bubyles or \$45 to \$234, and the Hybros, who possessed Egypt so from \$254 to \$234, and the Hybros, who possessed Egypt so from \$184-1289. For the most important questions now arise, Whence came and what can have become of the milityhost of the Hybros who ruled Egypt for so many censuries? We reward the Hybros as ethnically connected and even

probably identical with the Mesopotamian Medes, who in the year 2234, according to Berosus, were expelled from Bubylon after baying reigned there since 2458. We bave seen that the Hyksos-fortress Tanis-Avaris-Zoan was foriginally?) built an indeterminable time before the battle of Shiddim, 1979, which was fought 255 years after, in 2284. Our chronology shows an approximate synchronism between the expulsion of the Berosian Modes from Babylon by Urnkh in 2234, and the conquest of Egypt by the Hyksos, probably before 2069 s.o., to which time the 511 years of Manetho would reach. Moreover, both Medeal and Hykaca had the serpent symbol. On the other band, another important and at least debatable probability results from our chronology, that is, the identity of the Hyksos expelled from Egypt with the Arabian or Cassassite dynasty of Beresus in Babylon.

According to our restoration of the Babylonian dynastics, these Ambians, or Cananaites as the Nabathasaus call them, beam their rule in Babylon in 1534 with Hammuruhi, who is thus proved, in literal harmony with a cuneiform inscription, to have commenced his reign exactly 700 years after Urukh, now proved to have been the first of the eleven kings which, according to Berous, began to the in 2234. This Hamumulin was the immediate successor of the Queen Ellat-Gula, of the dynasty of Sargon I.; he is designated as a stranger, and his accession to the throne, as fixed by us in 1534, took place but twenty-four years after the date of Orosius for the death of the last Hykoso-Pharon, in 1558. Berosus sing laves and reasons for calling this dynasty an Arabian one, if the Hykoso could be (Proaddy) called Asyrians, as Isaish seems to do.

Hammunbi, as a Hystos and Mode, might be called king or chief of 'the Cass' (Cossei). His name has been connected with the Asyrian Ammu, the svn, though others consider it Cushite, like the names of his successors. Even on this probably correct hypothesis, the five hundred and more years which the Hystos spent in the land of Cush, in Egypt, would suffice to bring about a preponderance of the Non-Aryan over the Aryan element, a preponderance of Atkadians or 'highlanders'. Like the so-called Shemites of the Bible, the Hystos, whose kings according to the monuments were containly of Aryan descent, migratod from Aryan into Non-Aryan,

of Aryan descent, migrated from Aryan into Non-Aryan, Hamitic, or Unkithe districts, where their Aryan language became in course of time more or less Gushite. Thus the Balydonians as well as the Medes, the Madai of Genesis, may have originally been ethnically comprised under the name of Chaldeans, Kaldi (Celts, Aryans, or Japheities), the Assyrian (or Syrian?) Rotennu-Kaldu of the Ebers-inscription. The priests belonged to the upper castes, and in Wales and Iona are called Kaldi.

Thus the way may be opened for the removal of two objections to our theory:—

objections to our theory:—

1 That the language of the upper classes and priests of ancient Babylonia, the so-called Akkadians, was agglutinative and allied to that of Finns and Tartars:

That the Kaldi are first met with as a small tribe on the Persian Gulf in the eighth century B.C., whence they moved slowly northward, and at length, under Merodach Baladan, possessed themselves of Balvelon

It is by no means certain that the first historical inhabitants of Shianz-Babylonain, who had come from the Bast, and built Babylon before the 'Medes' took it in 2458, were not Chaldeans in the above sense of the word, that is, combined upper-cente Aryans and low-cast Non-Aryans or Cushites. Again, the post-Median dynasty of Urukh may have been a Chaldean dynasty as the Egyptians knew the Kaldu in the 1040 century.

Synchronous history shows that there were Kassi in Elam-Babylonia. The Egyptian Cushites, as well as the Kassi of Elam, we connect with 'the land of Cush,' watered by the Gihon-Jichoon-Amu-Oxus, and thus with the home of the Arvans, whose features the Hyksos are on monuments represented to have had. The deity of Hammurabi, king of Cushites, was Maruduk or Merodach. which name, as we shall see, has lately been connected with Nimrod 'the son of Cush.' As Arvans were in the East rulers of Turvans (Cushites?), so in the West they ruled over Cushites. As the Bible seems to cal. the Hyksos 'Assyrians,' so Herodotus calls the Assyrians under Sennacherib 'Arabians.' We identify the expelled Hyksos with the 'Arabians' of Berosus, distinguishing from them the 'Chara' or 'Chal' who, according to the Harrispapyrus, established a foreign rule before Ramesses III.1

If the allies of the Israelites in Egypt, the Hyksos, whom Tacins prepresents as ethnically connected, and Josephusas identical, with the Israelites, ruled in Babylon eleven years before the death of Moses, then we can hardly help surmising that this Hyksos-rule in Babylon was more or less directly connected with the advance of the Israelites under Joshua from Shiddim, with the conquest of Canana, and with the division of the land in 1518. Othiel may

Herod, ii. 141. Mr. Cooper connects Chalu with Chal (Hul), son of Aram-

have put an end to the short dominion of Chusan-Risathaim, the Cushite, under the indirect influence of the Hyksos in Babylon.

The Hyksos-rule in Egypt, perhaps beginning soon after 2234, and ending in 1558 R.c., lay between two rules of possibly the same people, of the Medes in Babylon from 2458-2234 B.C. and their second rule 700 years later in the same city, as the 'Arabians' of Berosus, from 1534-1289 B.C. The capture of Babylon by the Medes is in Genesis shown to synchronise with what is there called the birth of Shem. Interpreting ethnically this event, we may say: When the Mede entered Babylon, Shem was born, that is, Japhet (the Arvan) dwelt in the tents of Shem, or in Mesopotamia, where Canaan (Ham, broadly the Turvan) was his servant. From 2458-1289 B.C., or for 1.169 years, the Hebrew seems to have been the ally of one and the same nation of the 'Medes' in Babylon, of the 'Hyksos' in Egypt, and of the 'Arabians' in Babylon. Hebrew tradition is Indian-Tranian.

We may now suggest, that the presumable upper castes of the Hyksos, and the possible upper castes of the Hebrews, to which Abraham would have belonged, represented the non-Hamitic or Japhetic, the Arvan element, as this is certainly implied by the representations of the Hyksos on monuments found at Avaris.1 Assuming this with regard to the Hebrews, no kind of race distinction existed between the Hyksos-Pharaoh and Abraham, to whom he gave a friendly reception, nor between Joseph and the Pharaoh who made him regent. The Japhetic or Aryan element formed the link between all the various descendants of the Indians and of the Iranians, and thus between the Babylonians, Medes, and Assyrians. The probability gains ground, that Indian Japhetites, more and more overwhelmed by the Hamitic element, constituted the aboriginal Egyptian (not African) nation, as well as the first historical nation on the Eurohrates,

<sup>1</sup> Compare Plevie, Religion des Préisraélites.

the Babylonians, who, according to Genesis, broke up or journeyed from the East, and came unto Shina-Babylonia. When the Medo-Tranians of Berosus, Hamites ruled by Japhetiets, followed their Indian brethers to Mesopotamia, and took Babylon in 2458, the Japhetite element received a fresh and powerful impetus, which must have been very welcome to the high-caste Babylonians, as well as to the Hebrews, who had lived among the Chaldeaus. The Medes from the Caspian, whose first king is said to have been alled Zorosstar, after the great Monotheist, were the people of the Zendavesta. If in this book no so-called Emitic ideas or words are traceable, this is because its tradition is older than the 'birth' of Shem, the capture of Babylon by the Medes in 2458 g. C.

We regard Abraham, the Hebrew chief, as an Aryan Tapheite, whose ancestors had lived among those Chal-deans who had first come to Shinar from the East, that is, from India, and we regard the Hyksos as belonging to some specific tribes of their Medo-Ivanian brethren, whose ancestors had lived, together with the forefulners of the Babylonians, in the north of the Himalaya until the Aryan separation which led to the conquest of India. On the advance of the Cushite Chedoriacomer, who may have been allied with Ethiopia, Abraham, as representative of the non-Hamitic, or Japheite element, and of the tradition entrusted to the same, would on this ground alone have had ample reason for his journey to Egypt, where the Hyksos welcomed the Aryan leader.

On the not improbable assumption, that there were at this time in or near Mesopotamia Asyrians independent from and only ethnically connected with the Medes of the first historical dynasty of Berosus, Chedorhaome, probably made the Assyrians tributary, since these are neither mentioned as the allies of the king of Elam or of those kings who opposed him. This distinction already referred to between the Assyrians proper and the Medes and Ityksos can be confirmed by several facts. We are told in Gecesis, according to one of the two possible readings of the passage, that from the land of Shinar 'went forth Ashur and built Nineveh.' Assuming the name Ashur to refer to the Assyrians, they may have been raised to political importance by the expulsion of the Medes from Babylon. Manetho gives us the important information, that the first Hyksos-king in Avaris was afraid of the growing power of the Assyrians. Thus the commencement of Hyksos-rule and of Assyrian rule is made to synchronise. Ninevel might have been built by this Ashur of Genesis, and perhaps already soon after 2234, which date, as we shall see, very nearly harmonises with the dates of Ctesias for the foundation of Assyrian power. Herodotus states, that 'the Medes were called anciently by all people Aryans, but when Medea the Colchian came to them from Athens they changed their name.' The Colchians were Cushites or Non-Arvans. Thus our explanation of Medes as Non-Arvans ruled by Arvans is confirmed.

We therefore come to the following othnic results. The Hyksos, later called Arabians, were Medes, politically distinct from the Assyrians, but ethnically connected with them as Iranians. The Babylonians, with whom the Abrahamitic Hebrews were ethnically connected, were descendants from the combined (mixed?) Japhetic and Hamitic Indians. The stranger in Israel was the Iranian. It is a confirmation of this, that the nossibly Assyrian divinity Jahn. Jah, Jehova, which Moses first proclaimed among the Hebrews, had not been known to the Hebrew forefathers, as we are expressly told in the Mosaic writings, On the other hand, the Babylonian divinity El we have reason to regard as identical with the El, Eljon, and Elohim of the Hebrews in Abraham's time. Like the Babylonians, the Hebrews are Indians who came from the East to Shinar, where Iranian Medes joined them,

<sup>1</sup> Compare Schrader's Kedinschriften, who however holds that the Jehovistic Hamathites may nevertheless have received the name of Johova through the Hebrews—that is, the decondants of Abraham—as the only representatives of pure Monotheism, though Genesis refers to the proclamation of

### THE EXODUS FROM EGYPT IN 1563 B.C.

According to the Spanish presbyter Orosius, born towards the end of the fourth century, who was long in Africa, the Pharmol of the exodus died 805 years before the foundation of Bone, that is, in the year 1585-1557. Accepting this date and our year for the exodus, 1563, the Ameophis of Manche would have died five years after this event. This coincidence of Hebrew, Egyptian, and African tradition is remarkable.

According to the Manethonian tradition, the Israelites lived in the fortress of Avaris after the expulsion of the Hyksos from that stronghold, they recalled the Hyksos from Jerusalem, these re-entered Avaris, and from thence ruled thirteen more years over Egypt. Assuming that the Tuthmoses of Manetho refers to Ahmes, and his Amenophis of the exodus to his successor Amenophis I., it is at least curious that Amenophis is stated to have reigned thirteen years, or as long as the final rule of the Hyksos lasted. We are thus led to assume that Amenophis, with the assistance of the Ethiopians, succeeded in recapturing Avaris, and that he pursued the enemy beyond the Syrian border. Now this is what the monuments seem to imply Jehova in the days of Seth. We have pointed out that the Jehovistic part of the Mosaic writings seems to refer to Iranian (Assyrian), and the Elohistic to Indian (Babylonian) tradition. Also, that the Jehovietic non-Hebrows. Molchizedek and Jethro, point to a pure pre-Abrabamitic Monotheism. brows, Meichireciek and Jelino, point to a pare pro-Abrahamite Monothenia. The Jelovitic 'strangers,' the Rechabites, seem to be chinically connected by the genealogies with David, Jelino, and Melchizedek. The identity, now incontrovertibly established, of the Babylonian divinity El with the Assyrian divinity Jahn, with which the El and the Jah-Jelova of the Hebrews respectively correspond, seems to confirm our suggestions. See our Keys of St. Peter, the first attempt ethnically to explain 'the stranger' in Israel. About Elion (El-On) and Jao, sec The Pleiades and the Zodiac.

Mr. Sayee thinks that the belief that Jahu is found in Assyrian must be given up. Nowhere in the copious lists of gods is the name mentioned, and the proper name which was supposed to contain the divine name begin really with il-ya, 'ny God.' But Jubihd is substituted for Jahubihd.' Oros. in 10. The name Bokhoris (Hawk-Horus) may be n tilt which.

as by Lysimachus, was given to the last Pharaoh by Orosius.

when they state that Amenophis I. did expel northern people exactly from this part of the country.

Thus a double attack on Avaris seems to be attested. one under Ahmes and one under Amenophis I. After the first and perhaps but partially successful attack on Avaris. the Israelites, the leners of Manetho, could enter into Avaris, even on the assumption that the Hebrews had not previously been the allies of the Hyksos, and that they were entirely separated from the Hyksos forces, as the Manethonian legend would imply. Friendly Canaanites might even in that case have secured them an important support until the Hyksos returned to Avaris. Five years before this final expulsion of the Hyksos from Avaris and Egypt, and thus in the eighth year of Amenophis I., 1563, the exodus of the Israelites took place, according to Hebrew chronology, as we shall proceed to prove. It would be easy for the Israelites to move unopposed from Avaris to Rameses, whilst the Hyksos had become repossessed of Avaria, into which fortress the Hebrews had been able to enter, after the first attack of the Econtians. They cannot possibly have been sent there by the Egyptians. Before Amenophis, who may have been at some distance, if not in Ethiopia, could hear that the Hebrews had fled, and before he could reach them with his army. these had already reached the Red Sca. The connection between the years 1563 and 1558 can-

not be regarded as a mere casual coincidence. Accepting these dates, Amerophis I. reigned from 1871—1585, and Tuthunoses III. from 1515—1587. The year 1515 has been independently determined by an astronomical calculation as the first year of Tuthunoses III. The forty-three years between 1151 and 1558 correspond with the Manethonian regnal years between Tuthunoses III. and Amenophis I. The Helvery we for the excolas, 1685, falls within the reign of this Pfanrach, whose death, like that of the Phanolo of the excolate, according to Orosius, conurred in 1588.

<sup>1</sup> See Mr. Basil Goover's cassy in the Appendix, Note IV.

It is only by accepting our date of 1563 as the implied Biblical date for the exodus, not as an approximate but as a positive one, and by the aid of the restored period of Genesis from the exodus to the foundation of the temple, therefore by accepting the 592 instead of the 480 years, that the Bible-record can for the first time be proved chronologically correct, which asserts that during the end of Solomon's life Jeroboam 'fled into Egypt unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.' Again, the implied Hebrew date for the exodus must be 1563, and 592 years later, in 971, the temple must have been founded, if the history of the Book of Judges with its chronological periods is to be confirmed as historical, and if the period of about 300 years, which Jephtha is recorded to have referred to as elapsed from the division of the land under Joshua uutil Jephtha's time, is to be maintained as approximatively correct. It will be seen that by these facts and arguments we propose to support the implied Biblical date of the exodus, 1563, by the implied correct duration of the Biblical period from the exodus to the foundation of the temple, that is, 592 and not 480 years. We have already given a reason for the hypothesis that the former date is the correct one : we now do not hesitate to assert that we shall raise that hypothesis to the dignity of a fact. Thus we shall prove that the Apostolic limitation of the period from the division of the land until Samuel to 450 years is correct, and that it corrects the Biblical period of 480 years from the exodus to the Temple-foundation. Holy writ corrected by holy tradition.

The second Hebrew period, which together with that of 1656 years is incorrect, as we have seen, is indicated in the Second Book of Kings, according to which there is an interval of only 480 years between the exodus and the foundation of the temple. St. Paul and Josephus correct this mistake. According to the statement of St. Paul.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 1 Kings xi, 40; comp. p. 50.

450 years must be reckoned from the division of the land to Samuel. Accepting the year 1563 for the exodus, St. Paul's period extends from 1518 to 1068. If we add the forty years from the exodus to the death of Moses, and the five years from his death to the division of the land. this already makes 495 years. To these we must add. counting backwards from the foundation of the temple, the three first years of Solomon, the forty years of David, and the twenty-two of Saul, so that, including the thirtytwo years of Samuel's judgeship, the duration of which was hitherto not known, the period from the exodus to the foundation of the temple amounts to 592 years. Morcover Josephus not only confirms St. Paul's statement with regard to the 450 years, but also indirectly asserts that Samuel was judge for thirty-two years, inasmuch as he assigns 592 years to the period from the exodus to the foundation of the temple, and 612 to the dedication.1

Every doubt as to the correctness of this period, lengthened directly by Josephus and indirectly by St. Paul from 480 to 592 years, must vanish before the light of the following facts. All the dates which the Book of Judges and the First Book of Samuel assign to this time may be consecutively arranged by accepting St. Paul 8 pcriod of 450 years, which forms the centre of the 592 years, thus clearly demonstrating their historical exactness. The remaining twenty-eight years fill up the gaps occupied by the undetermined rule of Mesopotamia and the interval between the death of Bhul and Barak, for the latter of which twenty years remain, if we restrict the former to cipth.

The period of 592 years, as already stated, is implied in a passage of the Book of Judges which no system of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Jos. con. Ap. ii. 2. By substituting the forty years assigned to Saul in the Acts for the restored text of 1 Sam. xiii. 1, according to which he resigned twenty-two years, Sammel would have been judge only fourteen years instead of thirty-two years. This at least would be highly improbable, but possible according to our chronology.

chronology has hitherto been able to take into consideration. Our chronology alone shows that the Bible is right in reckoning 800 years in round numbers from Jophtan's judgeship to the division of the land under Jophua, 810 Book of Judges has been hitherto regarded as at least partly unhistorical, because its periods could not be placed within the frame of 480 years. Accepting 592 years, Solomon and Shishak are contemporaries in harmony with the Bible and monuments, as we shall later point out.

A further confirmation of our year 1563 for the exodus, and of the year 971-970 for the foundation of Solomon's Temple, may be found in the fragmentary Tyrian annals which Josephus borrowed from Menander, according to which Carthage was founded 155 years and eight months after 'the reign of Hiram.' Cicero informs us that the foundation of Carthage took place thirty-nine years before the first Olympiad, i.e. 815 B.c.; Hiram must therefore have been king of Tyre 155 years and eight months before this date, i.e. 971-970. Since the building of Solomon's Temple began in this year, according to our chronology, the exact coincidence which follows, and which cannot be casual, proves Josephus to be wrong in his further statement, which he cannot have extracted from the Tyrian annals, that the building of the temple was begun in the twelfth, instead of the first year of Hiram.

Finally, our year 1663 for the exodus, and 934 for the death of Solomon, is confirmed by the fact that from the year 934 to 621, which we shall prove to be the twenty-first year of Josiah and the fifth year of Nabopalassar, known by the Ptolemaic reckoning of the eclipse of the moon, there is an interval of 313 years, the exact number required by

Judges xi. 26.

Jos. con. Ap. i. 18; Cic. de Rep. ii. 28. According to Syncellus (§ 810) Troy fell. 133 years before Carthage was founded, therefore in 948, in the time of Solemon.

the Bible. This sum total of years is attained by assuming contemporary regins where they scent to be required, and by thus doing away with the two interregnums hitherto assumed; also by Bollowing generally the rule noted in the Mishna, according to which the years of a king's reign ended with New Care's day, so that the first year of his successor's reign need only have lasted a few months, weeks, or days.

# RETROSPECT OF CHRONOLOGICAL RESULTS.

Having discovered the year 2488 for the birth of Shem, chincially explained, as the starting-point of Hebrew chronology, we proceeded to follow the testimony of the Bible to establish the year 158 for the exodus. Starting from this year, the statements of St. Paul and of Josephus necessarily fixed the year 074 for Solomon's accession to the throne. Again, starting from the eclipse of the moon in the year 621, the fifth year of Nabopalassar, and following the rule of the Mislan, we reckneed backwards, and obtained for the accession of the third king of Isand cancily the same year 974.

This harmony, which it is impossible to secribe to merc chance, establishes three facts. First, the correctness of our assertion that the birth of Shem, which took place, according to Genesis, inter-tycing the years before the Noachian Deluge, coincides with the capture of Babylon by the Modes, according to Berous in the year 2458. Secondly, the absolute necessity of reckoning 552 years with Sc Paul and Josephan, instead of 489, from the exodus to the building of the temple. Finally, that the Mishan-rule was often, but not invariably, followed by Hebrew chroniclers, and that the system of eo-regencies adopted by us is correct.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Compare Rosch Haschanah. S. Sharpe applied this key in his Chronology of the Bible; see our Appendix, Notes 2 and 3.

Each of these three important facts has been left in obscurity by the Bible, either purposely or by accident, and they could have been known only to the initiated. Now, the existence of a secret tradition in Ennel, which led to that concealment in the Bible, and to which Justin Martyr directly refers, might be proved by the fact alone, that the statements of St. Paul and of Josephan with regard to the 450 and the 552 years, independently made and yet completely confirming each other, were declaued from one and the same non-written source of knowledge. Both St. Paul and Josephus perceived the error in the Birst Book of Kings with regard to the 450 years. They completed and corrected Holy Writ by Holy Tradition.

Our Table on the unhistorical scheme of 7000 years, so skilfully veiled over by the initiated, proves to demonstration that the 450 years were devised, because the right number of 592 years would at once have cleared up the designed alteration. For it is only by accepting this interval of 592 years between the exodus and the foundation of the temple, that the 1656 years and the mysterious number of seventy years remain, the latter for the period from the beginning of the Creation to the creation of Adam. It is therefore no chance mistake of a copyrist that has crept into the First Book of Kings; but here, as in the case of the 1656 years from Adam to Noah, we have to deal with a design.

How seldom such chronological errors occur in the Old Testament is shown not only by the above-mentioned synchronisms of various countries, but also from the contemporary history of the Assyrians and Israelites, hitherto unreconciled, though required by the Bible and the inscriptions. From the chronology of the Hebrews, as restored in the above manner, follows the satisfactory result, that the contemporary regions of kings of Israel and Judah with kings of Assyria, Balylonia, and Egypt, as required by the Bible, can all be reconciled:

#### THE ASSYRIAN ANNALS.

Like the Athenian Archons and the Lavelemonian Epitors, the highest functionaries of Asyria were for the time of one year honoured with a special mark of distinction, viz., that every year was marked in the official lists by the name of one of these functionaries, excepting that the first year of a reign was often marked by a king aname. These official lists contain only rows of names which are from time to time interrupted by horizontal lines of division intended to indicate the accession of a new king. As ar ule, in the time before Tiglat Pilesar II, the name of the new king stood next before the line as first Eponyma.

According to Mr. G. Smith, of the British Museum, the following are the points of contact hitherto discovered between the Assyrian annals, and the succession of the kings of Babylon, with the duration of their reigns as stated by Gladdius Follomaus, who flourished between 180 and 161 A.p., and connected them with astronomical calculations which have since been confirmed.

CANON OF PROLEMY."					Asserian Annals.				
Nabonassar	٠		٠	747	Tight Pilesar			745	
Nadius .				733					
Kinzirus .				731	Kinzirus .			731	
Elulious .				726	Solmonossar .			727	
Mardok Empa	eof			721	Sargon			723	
Arkaianos				709	Sargon			710	
				704	Sennacherib .			705	
Belibus .				702	Bel-ibui			703	
Aparanadius				600	Assurandinsum			700	
	٠		٠						
Asaridanus				680	Assurahiddin			681	
Saosduchinus				667 .	Sanl-magina .			668	
Kineladanus				647	Sir-inadin-pal			648	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Lepsius, Die Assyrischen Eponymen, § 33.

#### ASSTREAM AND HUBBLESF SYNCHRONISHS.

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1 Sec App. Natus II, and III,

called by God to punish Israel, that the spirit of Pul was stirred up by the God of Israel, and that Menahem was compelled to pay him tribute.

According to our chronology, Menahem reigned from 760 to 750, and, escording to the edificial thist, Tights Pilesar reigned from 745 to 727. We are expressly told that the tribute imposed on Menahem (possibly by Pal before Tight Pilesar's accession) was not collected and received before the eighth year of Tighta Filesar's reign, 783. If, then, we can show that the Pal of the Bible seems to have come to the throno in 763, a few years before Meinthem's accession, the assumption will recommend itself, that the tribute imposed by Pul was paid to Tight Pilesar.

One of Tiglat Pilesar's predecessors, if there was more then one, may have been called Pul, and Assyria may have made an expedition against Syria before Tiglat Pilesar's aceession to the throne. According to the official lists, there was a 'disturbance in the city of Assur' in the year 763. or eighteen years before Tiglat Pilesar, and the statement of this event in the year 763 is preceded on one of the existing copies of these Assyrian chronological tables by a horizontal line of division, which might indicate a change of reign or dynasty. Such a change may in fact be easily reconciled with the disturbance in the capital mentioned about this time. Further, in the year 754, i.e. the sixth year of Menahem, and nine years before Tiglat Pileser. there is a notice of an 'expedition to Arpad,' therefore to Syria, which was probably allied with Israel, though it soon after became the ally of Tiglat Pilesar and Judah. Moreover, the expedition was directed against one of those cities, probably in the neighbourhood of Hamath and the Orontes, to which Sennacherib refers in Isaiah as to cities overthrown by Assyria.2

At the time, then, of Menahem's reign in Israel, there

<sup>1 1</sup> Chron. v. 26. Compare 2 Kings xv. 19-22.

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was an Assyrian expedition to Syria, during which the king of Israel could be compelled to pay tribute, as is asserted by the Bible to have been the case during the reigns of Menahem in Israel and Pul in Asseria. This expedition may have taken place in the reign of Pul. when Menahem did not at once pay, but promised and probably guaranteed by hostages, the payment of tribute mentioned in the Bible, which he had first to collect from 'the mighty men of wealth.' It seems to have been customary to allow some time for the collection of the tribute. This can be proved with regard to the tribute imposed on Aramman cities by Tiglat Pilesur in 739\_738. on which occasion 'the tribute of Menahem of Samaria' was paid together with that of other princes, from which it does not follow that Menahem was then alive. Again, it is stated that Hezekiah was allowed to send by an ambassador the tribute imposed on him by Semacherib, of whose father and predecessor, Sargon, Mr. Sayce has proved that he imposed tribute on Hezekiah not at Lakish but at Jernsalem. It was probably the refusal to pay this tribute after Sargon's death which led to Sennacherib's invasion, which has been mixed up with that of Sargon. According to Sennacherib's inscription, he took to Nineveh Hezekiah's 'precions molten metal.' This must have included 'all the silver that was found in the house of the Lord and in the treasures of the king's house,' as well as 'the gold from the doors of the tenable of the Lord and from the pillars' which Hezekiah had overlaid and now cut off and 'gave' (not sent) to the king of Assyria.1 Also Manassch's tribute may have been sent to Nineveh.

We assume for the present that the horizontal line marked on one of the existing copies of official lists does not refer exceptionally to the cellipse of the sun in that year, but signifies, as usual, the change of a king in the year of the disturbance in the city of Assur, 763, and that it refers

Compare 2 Kings xviii, 13-16 with the inter. Rawl. xii, 18-32.

to the accession of Tol to the throne. Accordingly Toll began its ricing three years before Menchen, and, moreover, as the first king of a new dynasty, that is, as we shall show, of the second Assyrina dynasty of Berosus. Accepting this as correct, the first conquest of Bedylon by the Assyrina must have taken place, according to the authority of Berosus, 526 years before, i.e. in the year 1280 n.c. Now this year, according to a statement of Semnecherib, was in fact the year of the first capture of Babylon. He declares in an interption that this conquest by the Assyrians took place 600 years before his capture of Babylon. He declares in an interption that this conquest by the Assyrians took place 600 years before his capture of Babylon, which Mr. Smith places in the year 689. Adding 600 to 680, we gain the above year 1289 for the foundation of the Assyrian monarthy in Babylon the

It is impossible to regard this as a mere chance-coineddence, and still less so since the above crost, according to the fragments of the Ptolemean Canon known to use, falls between the period from 609 to 680, between Aparanadius and Asarodamus, the creats of which time cannot at present be determined, either by the Babylonian or by the Asyrina annals. If the year 689 is thus confirmed to be the year of Sennacherib's capture of Babylon, and consequently if that year must be regarded as the starting-point for the 600 years of Sennacherib's inscription, then it is hereby demonstrated that the first Asyrina dynasty, the sixth of Berosus, came to the throne in 1289, and that it was followed, on the authority of the Chaldana historian, 526 years later, that is, in 763, by the second Assyrian dynasty.

We have, therefore, every reason to expect that further excavations in Ninerce for in Babylon will bring to light additional facts which will fill up the gaps in, the Babylouian and Asyrpian annals in such a mamer as to confirm our positive assertion that in the year 753, in the year of the solar eclipse, a new king, and with him a new dynasty, came to the throne in Babylon.

Berlin Zeitschrift of March 1870.

If, therefore, a king called Pul, or by a composite name in which Pul occurs, or if one of Pul's possible but harrly probable predocessors came to the throne in Balplon in 763, as first king of a new dynasty, then the second Asyrian dynasty, the duration of which could hitherto not be determined, has reigned 138 years, or from 763 to 623, the first year of Nabaphasar. Having absolutely fixed the commencement of the first Assyriam dynasty in 1289, by accepting the 329 years which Beresus assigns to its reign, we may now assert, without fear of contradiction, that the preceding Arabian dynasty of Berossis in Balylon cano to the throne in 1534, that is, 245 years before the first Assyrian capture of Balylon.

It is not a little remarkable, that whereas our chronogy, in connection with the known dates of Barosus, has confirmed the inscription of Sumacherit about the 600 years between the two enpires of Ballyshon by the Asyrinas, another canciform inscription containing a date should be confirmed by the same combination, and should thereby absolutely fix the date of Urukh, the builder of the tower of Dabel.

The broken cylinder of Nabonadius' contains a statement, according to which in his time (555-538 n.c.) there existed in a tower a cylinder of Hammurabi, with the assertion that the tower had been founded 700 years before Hammurabi. This tower can, by the inscriptions, be proved to have been the tower or house, or 'house of Bel,' which Urukh is repeatedly stated to have Accordingly there seem to have been built at Babel. 700 years between Urukh and Hammurabi. Now, as Hammurabi was the first king of a foreign race, who followed at Babylon Queen Ellat-Gula of the House of Sargon I., and as it is now proved that a new dynasty, the Arabian dynasty of Berosus, came to the throne in 1534. the 700 years of Hammurabi's inscription would reach to 2234. This is the precise date for the accession of

1 See Mr. G. Smith in Journal of Biblical Archaology, j. 30, 71.

the first of the eleven kings at Babylon, according to Berosus. It may, therefore, now be asserted that Urukh was the first king of that post-Median dynasty, and that Hammurahi, the first king of the new dynasty which followed the reign of Ellat-Gula, was the first king of the Archien dynasty, and that he began his reign in 1584. We have come to this conclusion about the Arabian dynasty of Berosus by commencing the reign of the second Assyrian dynasty with the year 763. Reckoning backwards from this date the 526 years which Berosus assigns to the first Assyrian dynasty, we fixed the commencement of its reign in the year 1289, and reckoning back from this year the 245 years of the Arabian dynasty, we gained the year

1534 for its accession. Thus, starting from our date for the accession of the second Assyrian dynasty in 763, and reckoning backwards. the dates of Berosus for the reigns of the first Assyrian and the Arabian dynasties led us to the year 1584. We arrive at the same date, if, starting from the date of Berosus for the accession of the post-Median dynasty. that is, from 2234, we allow the 458 years of Berosus for the second Chaldman dynasty, and if, following the inscription of Hammurabi about the 700 years between him and Urukh, we determine the duration of the reigns of the post-Median dynasty by 242 years. Thus the 458 and the 242 years fill up the interval of 700 years which Hammurabi's inscription with marvellous accuracy demands. The correctness of this earliest date on cunciform inscriptions is proved beyond all doubt by the now established fact that Hammurahi began to reign 245+526=771 years before 763, the accession of the second Asserian dynasty.

These remarkable conclusions are directly connected with our assumed date of 763 for the accession of the second Assyrian dynasty in Babylon, of which the first or one of the first kings may have been called Pul, and if so, certainly was the contemporary of Mcnahem of Israel, who, according to our chronology, ruled from 760 to 750. We may now safely assert that the difficulties which is in the way of the synchronism which the Bible and the Assyrian inceriptions demand, as regards Menahem, Pul and Tighat Pilesar, can be solved by the assumption that after the contemporaneous regin of Pul and of Menshem, Tighat Pilesar in 738, his eightly rour, received the tribute from the king of Israel, which had been imposed on Menshem by Pul, as the Bible asserts it. The statement that in the year 738 Tighat Pilesar received 'the tribute of Minimil Samitinai' does not refer to the personal presence of the latter. As the Assyrian campaign against Arpad took place in 754, in the fourth year before Menshem's death, perhaps the paying of tribute was then imposed on Menshem, and he was recognised by Assyria in that year.

This much is absolutely certain, that the king of Israel who ruled between 760 and 750 according to the Bible. was the contemporary of Pul according to the Bible, and that three years before the now fixed accession of Menahem, that is, in 763, a new dynasty, the second Assyrian dynasty, came to the throne. The first king, or one of the first, may have been called Pul or by a similar name. and may have been succeeded by Tiglat Pilesar II., who is clearly distinguished in the Bible record from Pul. Were it not for this distinction, the name Pul might be regarded as derived from that of Tuklat-Habal-Asar.1 As it is implied by the inscriptions, in which Tiglat Pilesar makes no mention of his parentage, contrary to custom, it may be asserted that he was not of royal descent, If we connect this probable fact with the disturbance in the capital Assur, eighteen years before the accession of Tiglat Pilesar, it seems reasonable to infer that in that year 763 Pul was either deposed as the last king of the first Assyrian dynasty, or raised by force as a king unconnected with the first Assyrian dynasty.

Compare Schrader, Die Keilinsekriften, who identifies both.

We may now go farther, and assert that the synchronism of Menahem and Pnl, required by the Bible, according to our chronology excludes the otherwise possible hypothesis, that Pul was the last king of the first Assyrian dynasty. This assertion is confirmed by the tradition transmitted by Alexander Polyhistor, the friend of Sulla (born 138 B.c.), who had access to the writings of Berosus. For according to this tradition the list of the kings of the first Assyrian dynasty led to Beleus (Pul), who is thus shown to have been the first king of the second Assyrian dynasty, which we have proved came to the throne in 763, therefore eighteen years before Tiglat Pilesar. As this possible Pul is said to have been succeeded by an austert sovereign, raised by force, and who fixed the succession in his own family until the destruction of Ninevel, we may connect the name of this king, Belétaras, with the second part of that of Tiglat Pilesar, or Tuklat-Habalasar, probably a leading general. who succeeded Pul in 745.1

The synchronism assumed to be required by Assyrian inscriptions between Tiglat Pilesar and Azariah, or Uzziah of Judah, though impossible as late as the year 742, to which the inscriptions have been referred, becomes possible by our chronology up to 748, or three years previous to Tighat Pilesur's accession. But we do not assume that the latter was Pul's co-regent and commander of the army. Uzziah's reign of fifty-two years ended in 748, so that he was a contemporary of Menahem of Israel. According to the Bible, both Uzziah and Menahem are contemporaries of a 'king of Assyria' called Pul; yet according to the inscriptions, on which the name of Pul has not vet been found, these two kings of Judah and Israel are supposed to have been contemporaries of Tiglat Pilesar. We hope to show, that this interpretation of the inscriptions is erroneous with regard to the supposed synchro-

<sup>1</sup> Polyhist, Eus. Chron, Can. I. 4.

nism between the reigns of Tiglat Pilesar and Azariah-Uzziah, and that the inscriptions do not necessitate the assumption that these kings were contemporaries. What we have proved with regard to Menahem can be as firmly established with regard to Azariah.

The inscription now generally assigned to Tight Filesar IV, states that this king nunescel to Assyria several districts of Humath with their clies, which is in inhibes rebellion's had gone over to 'Azariah (Uzziah) of Judah.' Why should this rebollion not have taken place in the time before the accession of Tight Filesar? If so, it may have taken place in the triego of Pul, and the inscriptions of Tight Filesar would only confirm the Biblical statement, that Uzziah, as well as Menahem, were contemporaries of Pul, not of Tight Filesar. This they are, according to un Hobrew chronology. Without disregarding the inscriptions, and without any forced interpretation of the Bible, both may be said to harmonise.

According to the inscriptions, Tight Filear received tribute from a king of Judah called Yahuchag Jahudai. This name clearly refers to Ahaz of Judah (780-728), who was for twelve years the contemporary of Tighat Filear (745-727). During the Syrian campaign (784-789) angiants Dumascus and the Philistines, "Ighat Filear may be assumed to have succoured Ahaz of Judah, who was attacked by Fekh of Israd (748-728). Ng Rezin of Damascus, as well as by the Philistines and Edomitics. Ahar joined the Assyrian ally at Damascus, which city was captured by Tighat Filear after a long resistance. According to the inscriptions, Rezin had field into cortain city, probably to Damascus, where he may have met with his death, to which the Bible refers.

Pekah of Israel (748-728), the Pechacha of inscriptions, ruled seventeen years contemporaneously with Tiglat

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2 Kings xxi. 5-9. Compare for this and the following the Chronology of Sensacker's by G. Smith, to whose assistance and suggestions, as also to Mr. Sayee, Dr. Birch, and Mr. Baeil Cooper, the author is deeply indubted.

Pilesar. Pekah's successor, Hosca (728-720), the Husic of inscriptions, whom the Assyrian claims to have set up, but probably confirmed, came to the throne one year before Tiglat Pilesar's death, and was contemporary of Shalmaneser IV. (727-722) for five years. According to Biblical account, the city of Samaria would seem to have been captured by Shahnaneser, who besieged it. but according to Assyrian accounts, this occurred between the two possible years 722-720, and therefore during the reign of Sargon (722-705). The inscriptions refer to Sargon as to 'the punisher of the broad Beth-Omri.' and 'the destroyer of the city of Samaria and of the entire Beth-Ouri.' Sargon himself refers in an inscription to his siege and capture of the city. The ninth year of Hosen, in which the king of Assyria took Samaria,1 is according to our chronology the year 720. It follows, that it was Sargon who made Hosea a prisoner.

Hezekiah (725-697), the Hazakiahu of inscriptions, was the contemporary of Sargon during the seventeen years of the latter's reign, and he ruled eight years contemporaneously with Semucherib (705-680). We now come to the most important test for the correctness of our chronology. According to the Bible, the Assyrians first entered Judah ' in the fourteenth year of Hezekigh.'2 This year synchronises with the eleventh of Sargon, 711 n.c., when he made an expedition to Ashdod.3 We may therefore assume that Sargon, the then 'king of Assyria,' was with the army, but that his son and successor Sennacherib, with whom the future inmortant events were directly connected, as leader of the Assyrian vauguard, entered the territory of Judah before Sargon, and was for this reason (or for others) connected in the text with this first Assyrian expedition against Judah.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2 Kings xvii. 6,

<sup>2 2</sup> Kings xviii. 13; Is. xxxvi. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For the sixfold, if not sevenfold, synchronism referring to the year 711 n.c., see p. 50.

when, as shown by a new interpretation of the tenth and other chapters of Isaiah, Sargon seems to have besieged Jerusalem and there imposed the tribute on Hezekiah, which Sennacherili enforced ten years later.<sup>1</sup>

According to the inscriptions, Surgon ruled at least three years in Babylon as the Arkaianos of the Ptolemaan Canon, who reigned five years, after having deposed in the year 709 Mardok Empados (Emlados or Emplados?). the Marudachus-Baldanes, or Merodach (Berodach) Buladan of the Bible, who ruled twelve years according to the Babylonian annals. The embassy of Merodach to Hezekish, referred to in the book of Issiah, took place in the year 711, just before Sargon's campaign to Ashdod and Judah. The king's illness, accommunied by the promise of a further reign of fifteen years, took place so many years before the death of Hezekiah in 697, that is in 712-711, the fourteenth of his reign, and was followed in that same year by the 'coming up' of the Assyrians. in the reign of Sargon, his son Sennacherih possibly leading the vanguard.

It is clear that the object of Merodach's embassy was an alliance between Balybon, Judah, and Egypt, and that the pretended compiny after the wonder which was done in the lant,"2 emuch bare head any reference to the solar eclipse of 650, which took place eight years after the death of Hezzkiah, to whom the embassy was session of the sun-dial, was commetted with an alteration in the inclination of the dial or column. The sun-dial of Alaz may have been introduced as an Assyrian innovation whilst this king was the vassal of Tiglat Pitears, and even introduced an altar from Damascus, as probably also the astronomical symbolism of the Assyrians. This possible Assyrian sun-dial may have been replaced by another,

2 Chron. xxxii. 31; comp. Is, xx, 5, 6.

<sup>1</sup> See the important E-ray of Mr. Saves, Theol. Rev., Jan. 1873.

perhaps by a Babylonian sun-dial, which marked a comparative retrogression of ten degrees, as it might also be taken to mark symbolically the intended receding from an Assyrian to a Babylonian alliance.

In the year 701 the campaign of Scanacherib against Hezekiah took place, which according to the Assyrian account led to a victory. The contemporary advance of Tribakah, king of Ethiopia (Cush), possibly accompanied by pestilence, had no doubt something to do with the retreat of the Assyrians. The Assyrian inscriptions refer to Manasseh as the contemporary of Assarbaddon, which synchronism offers no difficulty, as the former reigned from 650–658, and the latter from 697–641. Thus all required synchronisms are proved, which the Bible and the inscriptions require.

ASSYRIAN AND HEBREW SYNCHRONISMS.

Assyria	Jedah	Isenel	Confemporary Years
Shalmaneser II. 850-823		Ahab 857-854 Battle of Karkar and of Ramoth Gilead, 854	5 years
		Jelu 847-810	24 years
Pul (?) 703-745	Azariah (Uzziah) till 748	Menshom 761-750	Pul with Azariah 3, with Menahem 10-11 years
Tight PilesarIV. 743-727	Ahaz 780-723	Pekah 748-728	TightPilesar with Alaz 12, with Pokah 17 years
Shalmaneser IV. 727-722		Hosen 728-720	Shalmaneser with Ilosea 5 years Sargon with Hosea 2 years
Sargen 722-705 Sennacherib	Hezekinh 725-607		Sargen with Heze- kish 17 years Sennacherib with
705-080 Asarhaddon 080-068	Manasseh 607-641	1	Hezokiah 8 years Asarbaddon with Manassch 12 yrs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2 Kings xix. 9.

RESTORATION OF THE BARYLONIAN DYNASTIES AFTER

We now give n.table of the Babylonian dynastics according to Bercous, and as restored by us.

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I	Challenne	88	81,090	nativatorical na regarda \$4,000
п.	Notes	1 8	224	5416-5234
ш	Uphsora (Urah)	111	848	\$224-1993
IV.	Chaldrone (Kudur Mebuh) .	40	(510) 466 245	3200-3554
V.	Apphian (Elements) .		245	1404-2000
VI.	Amprios	48	808	2289-763
FIL	Asspires	8	(138) 67 907	605-635
ш	Chaldrones	6	- 67	
IX.	Parriers	33	907	686-430 (551)

It will be seen, that assuming the second Asserting dynasty to have come to the throne in 768, which we bone to have proved, the length of reigns assigned by Recogn to the first Asserting and the Arabien dynastics fixes the dates 1289 and 1834 as the respective accusrions of the same, leaving exactly 700 years between the accession of the Arabian and of the first historical Chaldness dynasty, the date of which is fixed by Burosus. As Hammurahi reckoned 700 years from his accession to Urelth, it is now proved that this most sections chrosological date of the concitors inscriptions known to us is bistorically correct. The years of the respective scors-sions of the two Chaldwan dynasties, 2234 and 1992, are leading dates in the Hebrew chronology, the former being implied as the year of Shem's birth, the latter as the exceles from Harrn, now proved to be contemporary with the accession of the first king of the second Chaldren dynasty, probably Kudurlagemer of Elam.

It is, therefore, no longer necessary to assume, that in the first year of the era of Nabonassar, 747, at the commencement of the astronomical canon, the second Assyrian dynasty in Bulylon came to the throne. Beat although we have changed this supposed date for 763, and starting from that have altered the hitherto received dates for the accessions of the three preceding dynasties, the length of reigns which we know from Berosus has been accepted, and only the rule of the second historical dynasty, hitherto not known, has been fixed at 242 years, hithus giving a total of 1903 years from the accession of the second historical dynasty commencing with Urukh to Darius Codonamus, or from 2234 to 381.

Thus the statement of Callisthenes is confirmed according to which the astronomical calculations of the Chal-deans reached to 1903 years before Alexander. Callishenes accompanied Alexander the Great to Asia, and communicated this statement from Babylon to Aristotle, bit relative and teacher, whilst the philosopher Simplicius, who has transmitted this information in his treatise 'de Cole,' field to Chorset's, king of the Persinan; in the beginning of the sixth century A.c. The correctness of this statement, corroborated by Pliny, has lately been assided.

# ORIGIN OF BABYLONIAN AND OF ASSYRIAN POWER.

We have seen that Medes ruled in Babylon from 2458 until the accession of the first of the post-Median eleven kings, of Urukh, in 2234. These Medes, the Madai of the Bible, we have proposed to identify with the Hylvsow hos seem to have entered Egypt soon after 2234, and also with the 'Arnbians' who twenty-four years after the exhibit of the Hylvsox ruled in Babylon from 1534. We distinguished from these Medes the Assyrians, who may

Pliny H. N., vii. 67; T. H. Martin, Annales de Ph. Chr., xiv. 264; confirmed by Oppert, Hitt. des Empires, etc. p. 7.

be referred to in Genesis under the same of Ashar, who west forth out of Shinar 'end builded Ninesch' with other cities, according to a nomible reading of the text. The account given about the first establishment of Nimred in the plain, which probably the Assyrians (Sunir) first called Shinar, connects Naurod with the city of Erech, to which the name of Urukh may refer. But the name of Nimrod carries us much further back, to the

period which preceded the centure of Nipprod's Relation by the Medes of Records in 2458 a.c. Powerful reserve have lately been given 1 for connecting, if not identifying, the name Nimred with the divinity Merodach, showing that in the Bible Nimeod stands in the same relation to Asshuras in the inegriptions Merodoch is placed with regard to Ashur. Nicorod is in Genesis called 'the son of Cush.'

in the pre-historic times of Nintrod, whether or not these Council of observal written more be ethnically connected with the East, from whence came the first inhabitants of Shiner referred to in the Rible. We hold the land of Cush,' edicining the Eden of Generic and watered by the Gibes, to be the lowland of the Jichess, Ann or Oxes. Over Non-Arrens or Cushites (Turyous?), originally come from the countries about the Hindu-Cush, Nimeod 'the

There was a Cashite population in Elem probably already

son of Cash' may have ruled. Those who on a mounment of Remesses II. are designated as of 'the beretic race of Eash' were Cushites from the Gibon-Euphrates, whose aucestors lived on the Gibon-Oxus after which

also the Nile was called Gibon. Not Ninered, but Urukh (Orchemus, Urchemus), whose role becan in 2234 a.c., was the builder of the temple. tower, or house of Bel. The Biblion account about the Tower of Babel, connected as it is with the confusion of tongues, may be connected with Urukli's tower of 'the seven lights of the earth' at Borsippe, then the pleasets, but movimuse the Pleinder, as we shall move in another

1 Rev. A. Saron, moor read at Shifted A. S. Avril 1873.

place. After the long rule of the Medes and on Urukh's accession in Babylon, the Non-Babylonians (Iranians?) whom the Babylonians (Indians?) subjected, or who willingly remained in Babylonia, would naturally not understand the commands of their foreign rulers.

We have no reason whatever to doubt the historical accuracy of the Chaldman historian Berosus, that in 2458 Babylon existed, and was captured by the strangers whom he calls Medes. A Chaldman could no more have invented such a foreign rule than the Egyptians could have invented the sway of the Hyksos. Every doubt on the correctness of this fact, and of the date 2458, vanishes before the positive proof that, like Berosus, the Hebrews begin their history with that date, with which, for one reason or another, they unquestionably connect the birth of Shem. Babylon was therefore in the possession of the Iranian Medes from 2458 to 2234, when Urukh established his rule there. Five years later these Medes as Hyksos seem to have ruled over a part of Egypt as the 12th dynasty, mon which the 15th followed, and of which monuments have been found in the Hyksos fortress Avaris. For if to the 511 years of the Hyksos rule over the whole of Egypt, which ended with their final expulsion in 1558, B.C., we add the 160 years which Africanus gives to the 12th dynasty, we get 2229 B.c. for its accession.

We have seen, that according to alleged Mandshonian tradition, the commencement of the Llykoss rule, soon after 2234 according to our chronology, synchronised with the growth of Assyrian power, so that Nineveh may have been built any time after 2234. This assumption is in the first place confirmed by the assertion of Sangon II. in an inserption of his, that 350 Assyrian kings had preceded him. Considering the marvellous exentences of the 709 years of Hammurohi, and the 600 years of Sennacherib's inscription, we have no longer

The Phinder and the Zedine. The name Berrippa (Babylon) has been explained to mean 'confusion of tongues.' Compare Lenormant, Fragments commoninates de Birose. 1872.

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any ground for discrediting this statement. The 350 ancestors of Sargon would require even a longer period than from 2234 to 722. That the Assyrian Royal power was established so early is confirmed by the dates of Ctesios, horn at Chidus in Caria, contemporary of Xenophon. Ctesias was companion of Artaxerxes Mnemon. and lived seventeen years at the Persian Court, leaving Persia in 398. Of course he could not have written his history of Persia in twenty-three books without knowing the cuneiform inscriptions, the chronological accuracy of which is now so firmly established, and he may have known the traditions of the priests. According to Ctesias, from the foundation of Nineveh until Pul. Assyrian kings ruled for more than 1200 years. From 763, these 1200 years and more would reach beyond 1968. We saw that like Tanis also Nineveh may have already existed in the year 1992 when Abraham left Haran, and when Chedorlaomer began his reign. The Assyrians not being mentioned on either side may be explained by the assumption that they acknowledged the authority of the King of Elam. This supposed state of things would be changed by the repulse of the Elamite Lord of the West.

On the whole, it is perhaps not improbable that Ashur went forth from Shinar to build Nineveh with its temple of Ishtar, soon after 2224, when Urukh established himself at Babylon, after that the Medes had ruled there for 224 years, whose first king, according to Iranian tradition,

was called Zoroaster.

## EGYPTIAN CHRONOLOGY.

If we have succeeded in proving that, according to Hebrew Chronology the fifth year of Rehoboam's reign falls in the year 928 s.c., this year, in which Jerusalem is recorded to have been captured by Shishak, must synchronise with the twentieth or twenty-first of Shesheak I. For, necording to the Sikilis inscription, stone was us in that quarry of Upper Egrpt in the twenty-first year of Shesheak I. for the temple of Thebes. As we here find a record of his conquest of Jushal, it is generally inferred that this campaign took place in the twenty-first or in the texnition type of that Phanold's reign. It will be a natisfactory test of the correctness of our Hebrew Chronology, if the year 948-947 R.n., as the year of Shishaki secosion ——that is, the twenty-first or twentieth year for the correctness of Jeruselam—can be shown to harmonize not only with our fifth year of Shishaki was consistent of Jeruselam—can be shown to harmonize not only with our fifth year of Shebokoom's reign, but with the most probable of the transmitted Manetchonian dates, and to lead to other ynadvoniams between the history of Egypt and of other countries.

It follows from our Hebrew Chronology, that if Shishak was on the throne at Bubastis in 948-947, or twenty to twenty-one years before the fifth year of Rehoboam's reign. Shishak was the contemporary of Solomon during the end of this king's reign, in perfect harmony with the recorded flight of Jerohoam from Jerusalem to the court of Shishak. where the former remained till be heard of Solomon's death. A Manethonian statement which has never been drawn in question, confirms our date for Shishak and thus the synchronism hitherto despoired of between this Pharaoh and Solomon. Manetho, Egyptian priest of the city of Schennytus, who lived during the reign of Ptolemy I. (305-285 B.C.), states positively that the first Olympiad was celebrated in Egypt during the forty years' reign of Petubastes, the first king of the twenty-third dynasty. Between the accession of Petuhastes and that of Shishal: first king of the twenty-second dynasty. Manetho is reported by Africanus to have reckoned 116 or 120 years. It is generally admitted that, according to the monuments. more time must be allowed for the entire reign of the twenty-second dynasty. But even were we to reckon 120 years from our date for the first year of Shishak's sole reign, 935, the year of the first Olympiad in 776 B.C.,

would have fallen in the reign of Petubastes. It will be seen that the first Olympiad fell in his twenty-fifth year.

We shall now try to show that the year 711 B.C. fell within the reion of the last king of the twenty-third dynasty, that is, of Zeth, long recognised as the Sethos whom Herodotus helps us to connect with the advance of Tirbaka of Ethiopia, 1 In that very year (711 B.C., being the fourteenth of Hezekish), according to a tradition transmitted by Jerome,2 Tirhaka slew Sevek or Sabako, and according to an inscription of Sargon, the Ethiopians then sued for peace.3 The Egyptian tradition communicated to Herodotus, out of jealousy to the Ethiopians, abstained from mentioning Tirhaka or Sabako. But if, as the tradition implies. Tirhaka marched his army from Ethiopia during the reign of Zeth-Sethos, and if in 711 Tirbaka slew Sevek I, or Sabako, then Zeth-Sethos of the twenty-third, and Sevek I, of the twenty-fifth dynasty must have been co-regents. According to Egyptian tradition Tirbaka advanced contemporaneously with Sinnacherib's campaign in 701, not with Sargon's in 711. But the story related by Herodotus clearly implies that it was the first advance of Tirbaka's vast army into Ecvot. during which Sethos was abandoned by the army. The mistake of connecting Zeth-Sethos (742-711) with Sennacherib (705-680) and not with Sargon (722-705), arose from the fact that Tirhaka was the contemporary as of Zeth-Sethos and Sargon, so of Sennacherib, of Asarhaddon and Assurbanical. Because Sethos was assumed to have been the contemporary of Sennacherib, the army of the latter was supposed to have been destroyed by a nightmiraele, just as that army is by the Hebrews recorded to have been destroyed ten years after the death of Sethos. Thus Sethos was also connected with the myth

<sup>2</sup> Compare Botta, 65, 1 : 83, 13, 84 : 155, 1-12,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bunsen's Egypt, 11. 594; IV. 597.
<sup>2</sup> Cod. Tuk. of Jerome's Ohron. ad ann. 1306 = n.c. 711, cited by Ungeral pointed out to me by Mr. Besil Cooper.

about the mice gnawing the bow-strings and shield-thongs of the Assyrians.1

This may be considered sufficient circumstantial evidence to prove that Sethos must be connected with Tirbaka's first advance into Egypt in 711, when Tirbaka asked Sargon for peace and slew Sevek I. As it is certain that the name Solbos cannot refer to Sevek-Sabaco, it may now be asserted that Sethos is the Zeth of the twentythird dynasty, and that the year 711 falls within his reign : but as the end of it cannot be determined, it is doubtful in what year of Petubastes the first Olympiad was colobrated. If Zeth died in 711, the first of Petubastes would have been cighty-nine years earlier, or 801 to 800 B.C., the first Olympiad falling in his twenty-fifth year. We cannot go higher, but the year 776 may have corresponded with a later regnal year of Petubastes. We shall now give reasons for assuming that Zeth died in 711 B.C., and that Petubastes came to the throne in 800.

Africanus, or Julius the African, priest or bishop of Emusa-Nicopolis in Judae at the beginning of the third century, the most trustworthy recorder of Manethonian chronology, gives 116 (120) for the duration of the twenty-second dynasty. As Manetho referred to the year 776 hoc. having fallon within the reign of Petubastes, we may assume that his 116 years referred only to so many regnal years for the twenty-second dynasty as reached to the first of Petubastes. B can therefore be hardly considered as a chance-coincidence, that according to our chronology 114 years elapsed from the death of Shisaha to the first of Petubastes, or from 914-800 s.c. We may now go further and suggest, that as Busebuse and Africanus absolutely agree in assigning 130 years to the duration of the twenty-first dynasty, the 114 which Africanus according to a

<sup>1</sup> The people of Treas are said to have revered mice 'because they guawed the bow-strings of their enemies' (Eust. II., 193), and Apollo Sminthens was represented on coins of Alexandria-Treas with a mouse in his hand (Müller, anc. art. 931, 6, cited by Wilkinson in Rawlinson's Herodetus II. 141.)

variant assigns to the same dynasty, in truth may have marked the duration of the following or Shishiah-dynasty. For Shishak's reign was not recknoed in consecutive chronologr, for reasons to which we shall presently refer. Certainly the accession of Petubastes was not supposed to mark the end of the twenty-second dynasty, and it is probable that the later kings of the same, as also those of the twenty-fourth, and Sevek I., that is, all the co-regents of Petubastes and his successors from 500 to 711, were regarded as of secondary importance. Of Zeth-Sethos we know that he had a fleet in the Mediterraneshos

We have thus shown, that from the latest possible year for the accession of Petubastes, 800 R.c., to our date for Shishak's death there are 114 years, that is, only two years less than the 116 which Africanus assigns to the twenty-second dynasty, even if we do not assume that the 114 years which just precede the 116 in the list have been transposed from the twenty-second to the twentyfirst dynasty. For this hypothesis we have given the plausible reason, that 130 years are assigned to the twentyfirst dynasty as well by Africanus as by Eusebius, so that Africanus cannot have assigned 116 years to the same. These facts and arguments tend to show that the accession of Petubestes took place in 801-800 B.C., and that Zeth-Sethos accordingly died eighty-nine years later, or 711 B.C., that is, in the same year when Tirhaka killed Sevek I. We now proceed to show why we place the last year

of Shishaki reign in Old. Syroclius, Yice-Putriarch of Constantinople, about 500, has recorded \$H\$ years for the reign of Shishaki I, probably referring to the total of his regunly pens, whilst the twenty-one years recorded by Africanus and Eusebius refer to his sole reign. Dating the \$H\$ years from 944, our year for Shishaki's accession, he died in 913, and his sole reign, on the above hypothesis, commenced in 935, that is, in the year before Solomor's death. In the year 914 Coorbon I came to the throne, Pausennee of the twenty-first dynasty being yet alive. Mr. Cooper

seems to us to have proved that the thirty-sixth year of Psusennes is contemporaneous with the first of Osorkon, the former not being described as dead in the inscription on the Nilegod statue, which mentions both. Accordingly Psusennes would have survived Shishak I, by about a twelvemonth. Lepsius has already pointed out the family relations between the twenty-first and the twenty-second dynasties. According to Mr. Cooper's scheme the marriage between Shishak's son Osorkon L and the daughter of Psusennes II., led to a political treaty between the rival dynastics, according to which Shishak I., from the date of that political marriage, became King of entire Egypt.1 According to our chronology this marriage and the commencement of Shishak's sole reign took place in 935, as shown above. Because Psusennes survived him. Shishak's reign was not reckoned in consecutive chronology.

The twenty-second dynasty, founded by Shishak, was not superseded by the twenty-third dynasty of Petnbastes. It continued to reign contemporaneously with the latter, according to Mr. Cooper's Chronology, till 753, the first year of Bokhoris I., of the twenty-fourth dynasty. as we shall soon show. The year when the reion of the twenty-second dynasty came to an end may be differently computed, inasmuch as the starting-point for such calculation may either be the accession of Shishak as co-regent, or the commencement of his sole reign, or the year of his death. Accepting our date for Shishak's accession as determined by Hebrew Chronology, he came to the throne at Bubastis in 948, or 148 years before the accession of Petubastes in 800 R.c., whilst 114 years claused from Shishak's last (914) to the first of Petubastes. From our year for the death of Shishak to Mr. Cooper's first year for Bokhoris I., or from 914-753 are 161 years. On the monuments a minimum of 140 years is recorded. Allowing for the fifteen years assigned in the lists to Osorkon L. this number would be raised to 154.

1 App, note V.

Thus the accession of Shishak in 948 B.C., fixed by our fifth of Rehoboam (928), with which the monumental twenty-first (twentieth) of Shishak synchronises is confirmed by the 161 years from the last year of the twentysecond dynasty (753 R.c.) to the last of Shishak (914 B.c.). whose reign was not reckaned for stated reasons. Again, our dates for Shishak are confirmed by the fact that the last twenty-one years of his reign, or of his sole regency. commence in the year before Solomon's death according to our Hebrey Chronology. The flight of Jeroboam to the court of Shishak, and this Pharach's capture of Jerusalem a few years later, imply that Shishak was in possession of undisputed power in Egypt during the last year of Solomon's reign. Finally, we repeat it, the 114 years from the first of Petubastes to the last of Shishak. or from 800-914, may account for the 114 years which Manetho seems to have assigned to the twenty-second and not to the twenty-first dynasty.

The 130 years assigned to the reign of the twentyrist dynasty by Africanus and Busebius may be dated either from Shishak's accession (948), or from the commencement of his sole request (935), or from the year of his death (914). It seems most probable that they were recknood from the first year of his sole and undisputed sovereignty, 935, and, if so, the first of the royal high priests of Tunis, Suneades, came to the throne in 1905, or three years after the accession to the judgeship of Samuel, the introducer of prophet schools in Ernel. This synchronism is not without significance, seeing that the probable for arty went with Jeroboan to Egynts.

Dating the 135 years of Africanus from 7005, the twentich dynamy came to the throne with Rameses III. in 1200 n.c. For the reign of the nineteenth dynamy Eusebrius gives 102 or 104, and Africanus 204 or 209 years. We accept the 162 years of Eusebius, according to which the nineteenth dynamy came to the throne with Rameses I. in 1862. Sethow I. reigned according to the nonuments at least 17 years. We thus get 1844 for the

accession of Ramesses II., and twenty-two years for the reign of Ilorus and his successors, the accession of the former being in 1384, as fixed by the year of the accession of Tuthmoses III., which may now be regarded as certain.

According to Orosius, the Pharaoh of the Exodus died in 1558. Accepting this tradition, the Pharaoh of the Exodus must have been Amenophis L, whose reign of thirteen years seems to have marked the second Hyksos rule of thirteen years according to Manetho. The Egyptian historian's Pharaolt of the Exodus, as we have seen, was an Amenophis and the successor of a Tuthmoses. Amoses, or Ahmes. The date 1558 for the death of Amenophis I, is confirmed by our Hebrew date for the Exodus, 1563, which falls within the thirteen years of the reign of Amenoulis I., whose reign from 1571-1558 is finally confirmed by the fact, that accepting the acknowledged regual years for his two successors Tuthmoses I. and IL, we get 1515 for the first of Tuthmoses III., whose accession in that year is confirmed astronomically. Starting from 1200 B.C., as the first regnal year of Ramesses III., the 393 years of Manetho, according to Josephus. between the end of the 19th dynasty and the expulsion of the Hyksos, reach to 1593 B.c., and to the 22nd of Almes, who, according to Manetho, reigned 25 years after this event. During the last three years Amenophis may have been co-regent. This seems to be confirmed by the fact, that no later regnal year of Ahmes than his 22nd is mentioned. According to the inscription of Admiral Alunes the capitulation of Avaris took place in the 6th year of Ahmes. We place his accession in 1598 B.C.

Perhaps the most astisfactory confirmation of the synchronisms thus far established between Manchtonian and monumental datas of Egyptian history on the one side, and Israelitie, Assyrian, and Babylonian dates on the other, may be derived from the coincidence, to which we have already referred in passing, that whenever, according to our Egyptian Chronology, an Egyptian Phrancol advanced through Syria to invade Miscopolamia, the Philistines, Parusata or Pulusata, cognate with the Shantana (Sardimans?) and other known or probable allies of the Egyptians, ruled over the Israelites, according to our Hebrew Chronology, as the following table shows:—

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Foreign Rulers in Israel.
                                 Contemporary Reions of Pharachy.
                                  Tuthmeses 11, 1507-1515,
Tuthmeses 11f, 1515-1401,
1518-1510 Chusan Rivathaim .
1470-1459 Monbites .
                                    Amenophis II, 1401-1452.
                                  Horus and others 1384-1309
1372-1352 Philistines
                                    Ramerses I, 1302-1301.
                                   Sethos I. 1301-1344.
                                    Ramesses II. 1314-1278.
1319_1303 Midienites
1917-1199 Philistines and Am-
             monites
                                    Pamerses TIT. 1900-1108.
1109-1148 Philistines
                                    First successors of Remesses III.
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Beginning with the last synchronisms, we find that the twenty years of the last Philistine rule correspond with the twenty years following on the year of the death of Ramesses III., fixed as the length of his reign is by the thirty-two years of the Great Harris-Papyrus. Again, we find that thirty-one years of the previous Philistine rule fell within the reign of Ramesses III., of whom the monuments state that he was the ally of the Sharutana, which people had also assisted Ramesses IL during his Asiatic expeditions. The maritime portion of these Sharutana assisted the Tsakruri and other enemies of the Pharach . and from the fact that the land of the Sharutana extended to the Mediterranean, as did the land of the Philistines. the ethnic relation of the Sharutana and the Philistines gains in importance.1 It would be absolutely certain that Ramesses III. followed the sea-coast, if Maka-Tvra which he attacked were certainly Tyre and not Migdol. The statement that the sea supplied Tyra with fish, though in favour of the rock-island, is not conclusive. This road by the sea-coast must have been preferred to that to the east of the Dead Sca, as facilitating the supply of the advancing army with food, and the protection from maritime attacks. The Pharaohs, therefore, could not have advanced through the sea-hordered land of the Philistines without ensuring their alliance, as well as that of the cognate Sharutana. The object of this alliance must have been to protect the line of communication between Mesopotamia and Egypt. Now, as the Laraelites had no dealings with the Egyptians after the Exodus and before the inteof Solomon, their records never mentioning them time it is impossible to assume that they were the allies of the Egyptians. On the contrary, they were dangerous foes, and likely to interrupt the Egyptian lines of communication unless prevented by force from doing so. The rule of the Philistines and other nations of Palestine over the Iaraelites was a necessity for the Egyptian.

We submit, that a Chronology according to which the chief foreign dominions over the Izraelites were contemporaneous with the reigns of those Pharnols who advanced to Mesopotamia, or attacked Talestins for other reasons, has thus much in its forour. It may be regarded as an important cionicidence, that our first year of Sectios I. (1831), in which, according to the monuments, he overma Syria, falls within our fourth-last Biblical period the Phillistine rule over the fraselites, from 1812–1305, falling within the reign of Ramesses III, may be explained in like manner, as that of the Monbites can be counseted with the exploits of Amenophis III, and the reign of Chusan Risathain with the Asiatic campaign of Tuthmoses III and the rolige of his wedeesseer.

By historical synchronisms, by monumental evidence, and by probably Manethonian traditions, we hope to have proved that Shishak-Sheshenk I. came to the throne in 948 n.c.

Starting from this year, and after having fixed the accession of Amenophis L and of Tuthmoses III, we have tried approximatively to fix the regnal years from Shishak to Amos. Again, starting from 948 nc., we shall now try to fix the regnal years from Shishak to Amosis, by the did of a suggestion of Mr. Cooper about the trenty-third dynasty. Before we give Mr. Cooper's scheme for the regin of the twenty-fourth, or Boldon's dynasty, it is

important to recapitulate the sixfold synchronism which we have established with reference to the year 711 s.c., and which synchronism has suggested some of the preceding Egyptian dates.

The year 711 B.C. is shown to have been :

1. The fourteenth of Hezekiah

2. The year of Hezekiah's illness and recovery.

3. The year of Merodach Baladan's embassy.

4. The year of the first campaign of the Assyrians under Sargon to Ashdod and Judah, when Sargon, 'the subduer of the land of Judah,' seems, according to Isaiah x., to have besieged Yavani of Ashdod's ally Hezekiah at Jerusalem and to have made him tributary.'

 The year when Tirhaka slew Sevek I (719-711), whom Sargon, after the battle of Raphia in 720, could still distinguish as Sultani from the Pharaoh.

 The year when the 'King of Meroe' asked Sargon for peace, to whom Sevek had given up Yavani of Ashdod, the ally of Hezekiah.

7. The year 711 was probably the last of the reign of Zeth-Setbos, the contemporary of Sevek I., like whom he may have been slain by Tirhaka, insanuch as the dynasty of Petubastes and Zeth-Sethos probably reigned from 800-711.

To this sixfold, and probably sevenfold, synchronism may be added a possible eighth; for, according to Diodorus, Herodotus placed in 711 the revolt of the Medes under Dejoces, whom Diodorus calls Oyaxares.<sup>2</sup>

If the twenty-fifth' dynasty of Ethiopians certainly ascended the throne of the Pharaobs in 719, the twenty-fourth or Bothoris-dynasty, following upon the twenty-second dynasty of Shishak, must have ruled longer than is usually assumed, seeing that hardly more than from 154-161 consecutive years can be given to the reigns of

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Sayce in Theological Review, January 1873.

Diol. H. 32. About the Datucca of caneiform inscriptions, transported in 715 to Hamath, and the probable confusion in the Greek accounts about Deiokes and Astyages of the mythical Ari-dahâka with an historical Dai-uccu, see Sayos in App. Note VI. comp. Rewlinson's Herodovir, III. 446.

the twenty-second dynasty, without reckoning the reign of Sheshenk I. Mr. Cooper has proved, that reckoning backward from the first year of Pharaoh Savek I. (TaD) the twenty-fourth dynasty came to the throne, an Josephus states after Manetho, in 753, having ruled thirty-four years, according to variants in Besebius and Syneclus, and that there were three things of this dynasty. Bokhoris I. reigned from 785-747, Tefnacht (including Piankhi) from 747-725, Bokhoris II. from 725-720 (719), the six years of this king, whom Sevek I. burned alive, having been part down in the list of Africanus as the total of regand years for this dynasty.

The dates for the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth dynastics offer no difficulty and are firmly established. The Ethiopian dynasty reigned fifty-four years, from 719-686, and the twenty-sixth or second Satie dynasty 139 years, from 666-527. This is confirmed by the twenty-seven years and a half of the Api-inscription, between the accession of Taharuka and his successor Panumetikh, as also by the epigraphic forty years between the accession of Neku (Necho) and Amosis (Amasis), the commencement of whose reign in 572-571 seems to have coincided with Nebuchadnezzar's real or expected conquest of Egypt to which the book of Escklei Terest.

## TABLE OF EGYPTIAN DYNASTIES.

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XVIII. followed by stranger kings, 230 years, 1508-1302 n.c.
XIX. 102 years, 1302-1200.
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XX. 135 years, 1200-1065.

Dynasty

XXI. 130 years, 1005-035. XXII. 34 years for Sheshenk I., 048-014.

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to accession of Petubastes, 914-890.
XXII. (contd.) 101 years from
Sheckenk's death to
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L, 914-753. "Zeth (Sethes) 742-711.
XXIV. 34 years, 763-710.

XXV. 64 years, 719-600. "Sevek 1, 710-711.
"Death of Zetb, 712.
"XXVI. 130 years, 606-527.

#### EZRA AND THE PHRIM, 515-510

As already pointed out, the consecration of the second temple took place in 516, the seventieth year after the destruction of the first temple in 586. With these seventy vears the prophecy of Jeremiah was connected. We have shown how the historical events of these seventy years led . to the theory of the Messianic Millennium. We proceed to point out, that the time of fifty-eight years which has hitherto been assumed to have elansed between the events narrated in the sixth and the seventh chapters of the book of Ezra must be reduced to one year-that consecutive events are recorded in consecutive chapters. The narrative has been obscured by the titles given to rulers in Babylon. The consecration of the temple under Serubbabel is described as having taken place in the sixth year of Darius, and the mission of Ezra in the seventh year of Artaxerxes.

The title 'Darius,' from Darayawush, Tariyawaus of the inscriptions, is connected with 'dhari' or 'firmly holding, and thus is connected with the idea of rule. Darius means the ruler or king. Xerxes, from khshaya-arsha, means venerable king. Artaxerxes, Artakhshatra, is by Herodotus translated as a compound of 'Arta' great. and 'khshatra' warrior or king, but may be connected with the Arva or the Arii, whom Herodotus calls Artaioi, and which is the name of the ancestors of them Persians. Artaxerxes means 'king of the Aryans.' It follows that both 'Darius' and 'Artaxerxes' were originally understood as titles, not as proper names, just as 'Pharaoh' was understood in Egypt. Both titles might be given to one and the same person. We may assume that the account of the consecration of the temple was written by a different scribe than the following chapter on Ezra's mission. A very probable assumption would make Ezra himself the parrator of the latter event. Thus the two titles 'Darius' and 'Artaxerxes' may have

been given to the Darius or king Hystaspes-Vashtaspa,

No other ruler than Hystaspes had such claims for receiving the ancient Arvan title Artaxerxes. For he was the real founder of the Persian monarchy, and his possessions extended from the Indus to the Nile. Thus we have also suggested that the king of the book of Esther was Hystaspes, here called Ahasuerus, Achashverosh, Achashures, 'strong king,' a compound word having the same meaning as Artakshatra, and from which Khsha and Shah is derived. The king of the book of Esther is described as 'Absuerus' (the king) 'which reigned from India even unto Ethiopia.' Also the division into provinces may be connected with the Satrapies, into which Hystaspes divided his empire, according to Herodotus and the book of Daniel. To Vashtasna likewise refers the name of Esther's predecessor, Vashti, as Vash-ti, the wife of Vash. formed like Baal-ti. Esther or Hadassah is thus clearly the same name as Atossa, the queen-mother of Xerxes in the 'Persians' of Æschvlus.2

If Hystaspes could be called Darius, 'rulen,' and also Artaxoxos, 'ting of the Aryam,' that is of the Persians, then Ears's mission to Berusalem took place in the year after the consecution of the temple, in the seventh year' of Hystaspes, 515, and not, as hitherto assumed, in the seventh year' of Artaxoxos Longimanus in 485. Hystaspes was the king and Eather the queen, when Ezra, and after him Nehemish, were appointed as governors. The last year of Nehemish's rule coincides with the battle of Marathon.

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The principal events from 536 to 510 are the following:

First Caracan, 586.—Cyrus, the first 'Artaxerxes,' or king of the Aryans, permits the return. Fromnations of the temple and of the walls laid about 534, under Serublabel and Joshua. Nebemiah present, but not Exm.

Second Curaran, 529-516.—Darins Hyriaspos, the second Artaxurse, or king of the Aryans, renews the edict of Cyrus. With the help of the Samaritans the temple is finished and consecrated. Public reading of the law by Ram. Great synagogue under Erra. Coronant scaled with Nehemiah. Peace and concord established.

Exra and the Puring, 515-510,-In 515 Exra is sent as governor, with power over life and death. Scrubbabel is not mentioned by Ezra. The seven visions of Zechariah refer respectively to the seven years from the second to the ninth year of Hystospes, from 520-518. The first vision, about the return of God's grace refers to the renewal of the edict of Cyrus by Hystaspes in 520. The second vision, about the measuring of the temple. refers to the recommencing of the building of the same. with the help of the Samaritans, in 519. The fifth vision refers to the year 515 and to the roll containing the curse, and to the removal of the ephah to the land of Shinar to build a house unto the wickedness. evident that this vision, coinciding with the year of Ezra's short mission, must refer to the principal event of Ezra's governorship, to the expulsion of all Jews who had allied themselves with strangers, especially with the Samaritans. As we know from Josephus that many dissatisfied Jews, including members of high priestly families, asked the Persian king to permit them to build a temple in Samaria like that in Judgea, and that they built the temple at Gerizim, the date of the building of the same may be approximatively fixed at soon after 515.

We should expect that the comparatively few Jews

belonging to the two tribes of Judah and Benjamin would be easily overcome by the remnants of the ten tribes in Samaria, and that the despotic measure of Ezra would lead to bloody conflicts. An hitherto overlooked passage in the 'Antiquities' of Josephus may be referred to the year of Ezra's governorship. Bagoses, general of the army of Artaxerxes (Hystaspes), was a friend of a certain Joshua, brother of the high priest Johannan at Jerusalem. and he had promised his friend to procure him the high priesthood. Because of this promise of the Persian general in Samaria, a quarrel prose between the two brothers whilst they were in the temple. Joshua irritated the high priest, whereupon the latter killed his brother in the temple. In consequence of this, Bagoses entered Jerusalem, forced his way into the temple, and punished the Jews for the murder of Joshua during seven years. It does not follow that Bagoses remained seven years in Jerusalem : but in order to enforce tribute and obedienec, he probably left a sufficient army in Judga, which was not withdrawn till the seven years were over. that is about fourteen months after the events which led to the Purim memorial.

The book of Nehemiah commences with a statement which has hither to a theer at all explained, and which directly confirms our suggestion, that the passage just cited from Josephus must be placed at the end of Ezra's governorship, and previous to that of Nehemiah. 'In the twentieth year 'of Artaxersex (Hystapes,) that is 502, Hanani, one of Nehemiah's brethren, came, with certain 'imen of Judh,' and informed the royal cup-bearer that the remunant which were left of the captivity in the province were 'in great affliction and reproach,' that the wall of Jerusslem was 'broken down, and the gistes thereof burned with fire.' This is what we should expect if, owing to the expulsion of the strangers by Ezra, two

Judeau camp and a Samaritan camp, and if Dagoses, the Persian commander in Samaria during the rule of Ilaman at Bahylon, had taken Jerusalem by force, and punished the Jaws for seven years because of the fratricide committed in the temple by a high price.

Although Josephus refers, a few pages earlier, to a Cyrus whom the Greeks called 'Artaxerxes,' it did not occur to him that the Artaxerxes of this account, which he faithfully transmits, may have referred to Hystaspes. Assuming the Artexerves to be Longimanus, Josephus explains that before this time Eliashib had died, who may be presumed to have gone to Jerusalem, either in 536 or 520. We suggest that it was the entry of Bagoses into Jerusalem in 515, which put an end to Ezra's governorship, if not to his life, in the tenth month of that year, The influence of 'the stranger' in Israel became increased by the contemporary rule of Haman, the enemy of the Jews. This would lead the aggette, or royal vient, to make use of the presence of Bagoses in Jerusalem to crush the party of the separatists, to which Ezra seems to have belonged. To unset Haman in Babylon must therefore have appeared as the sole means of saving the senaratist party. The beauty of Esther, the Benjamite, was to bring this about, and did bring it about.1

The may now asset that the first feets of Purin, preceeded by the setting up of Moredonia in the phace of Haman, took phace on the fourteenth and fifteenth Adiar (Xisan) of the twelfth year of Ahasteeurs, that is, Durius Hystapes, in 510, or 2885 years ago! Eight years after Moredonia accession, Nehomials was sent as governor to Jerusalem, and it was in 502 that the walls were consecuted, and the second selemn reading of the law took place. It is uncertain how long Nehomiah remained in Jerusalem, but he continued as governor for twelve years. The last date of an historical

Ast. xi. 0, 1; about the murder of Joshua and Zechariah, App. Note VII.

event recorded in the Old Testament is that of his last journey to Jerusalem in the thirty-second year of the king, that is, in 400, when, after the loss of the battle of Miratthon, Hystaspes had lost his influence in Europe, and probably in Syria.

#### YEAR OF THE BIRTH AND YEAR OF THE DEATH OF JESUS.

According to Josephus, Herod died five days after the execution of his son Antinater, and there is no valid reason to doubt that Herod's death took place either at the heginning of .n.c. 4, or at the end of that year, January 18th, 8 n.c.1 An attempt has been made by a conscientions chronologist' to show, that the first year of Herod, counted from the death of Antigonus, should be reckoned from B.c. 56, 126 years being deducted from Nisan B.c. 162, in the spring of which year Judas Maccabous is considered to have set up the Asmonran throne. In confirmation of this calculation reference is made to Clement of Alexandrin, who places the birth of Jesus in the 28th year' (of the Egyptian era of the battle of Actinm, 2nd Scotember B.C. 31.) thus in B.C. 8-2, when first the census was ordered to be taken in the reign of Augustus.2 Clement connects this statement directly with the assertion, that Jesus suffered in the 16th year of Tiberius, that is, that he was crucified in the year after his baptism, and that from the time he suffered to the destruction of Jerusalem were 42 years and 3 months. Accordingly the erucifixion would have taken place in the year 29-28 A.D., which is impossible. We have no reason to trust Clement's information about the birth of Jesus more than that about his death.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the latter view, see the able easey by Quandt: 'Chronologisch-geographische Beiträge.' 1872.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Beaumquet, in Transactions of Society of Biblical Archaelogy, i. 03-105.

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Clement's statement about the time 'when first the ceases was ordered to be taken in the reign of Auguston's, that is from a no. 3-8, scens to be equally incorrect. It is difficult to support it by the statement in St. Luku's Gospol that 'the taxing was first made when Gyresian (Quarismy) was governor of Syrain. It would be necessary

to assume that the order had been given no. 4-2, soon after the possible appointment of Quirinus to his first governments, late in the year A.S. 4, according to Professor Zumpts discovery, and that the taxing was concluded, or that another consus took place, during sis second governmently, beginning in the year no. 6.

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It must be allowed, that on this repposition, the docrose which work out from Caser Augustu that 'et ille the world showed be taxed.' night be interpreted be have referred to the earlier Bosons Europie, and distinguished from the taxing of the inhabitants of Frince, which could not have shown place till faither that country was ancested as a proviace to the Rossus Europies in the year A. S. (y. thus, after the beticklement of Archetlan, a loopsime correctlystates,

Quirinus was certainly appointed as governor, whelser for the first or for the second time.

Again, on the supposition that several years elapsed letween the decree of the general cosus and the taxing in Yathen, it might he explained, why no needs us much easywhere of the cosus in the year. As, fi, which was of anywhere of the cosus in the year. As, fi, which was of a local character. But it would remain unouphined,

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We have no reason to doubt that a census in Judon took place when Quirinus was governor and after the annexation of this province to the Roman Empire, a.D. 6, or later. It is possible that the Gospel after St. Disk refers to two events, which happened at distinct periods: to the Imperial decree that all the world should be taxed, and to the later taxing of Judona. If so, the former would refer to the general census in B.G. 7, and the latter (but be rowingla census a.D. 6

In this year a census took place by order of Quirinus, according to Josephus, and he adds, that on this occasion Indas of Gamala, the Gaulonite, whom he also calls a Galilean, attempted a revolt of the people, asserting 'that this taxation was no better than an introduction to slavery.' St. Luke himself, in the Acts, seems at first sight to refer to the taxing in the year A.D. 6. inasmnch as he connects it with the rising of 'Judas of Galilee.' 1 Josephus distinguishes from Judas of Gamala another Galilean, Judas of Sephoris, who raised a revolt at the time of Herod's death, but whom Josephus does not connect with a taxing. The Acts seem to refer to this Judas of Sephôris, the chief city of Galilee, by the reference to his having drawn away many people after him, who perished or were dispersed. This account agrees best with the recorded fact, that in consequence of the revolt at the time of Herod's death, Sephôris was wasted by Varus, A.D. S. In both passages St. Luke might be supposed to refer to one and the same time, that is, to that of Herod's death, if a taxing in Judge at the time of Judge of Sephôris could be proved by other evidence than by the above passage in the Acts. and if Josephus, as well as coins from that time, did not show that Varus, not Quirinus, was then governor. Josephus mentions him as present when Antipater was brought to judgment, a few days before Herod's death. An over-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Jos. Ant. xviii. 1, 1; comp. xx. 5, 2; Acta v. 87,

ingenious attemp has been lately made to get over even this difficulty, by the assumption that Quirinus, though not governor at that time, may have then held a distinguished military position in Syrie. This is indeed shown to have been possible by a reference p on insertiption, from which it appears: that make the (military) print of Quirinus a census was taken in the Syrian city of Apamea, and war was made against the Internets, about the time when, according to a possible interpretation of the Acts, a taxing rock place in Alukea, that is, at the time of Herod's death. We are asked to assume that, though the taxing could not have commonced under the governments of Quirinus, it may have ended during his possible first rule, not many months after Herod's death. Of course this is possible.

What more immediately concerns us, is the record in the Goppel after St. Luke, where the journey of Joseph and Mary from Galilee to Bethlehem is stated to have been caused by the decreed taxing, and to have been caused by the decreed taxing, and to have bed to their being taxed. According to the positive gospol-statements, they were carolled at Bethlehem, and the child was born at the time, when Chrisma was governor in Syria, whilst, these events took place before the death of Herod. It is up the certain that the possible first governorship of Curimus cannot have commenced before the end of n.c. 4, but it is perhaps not equally certain that Herod died shortly before Easter in n.c. 1

It has been lately argued by a most careful chronologist, I that Harovi's death, which occurred after a lunar eclipse and before a Passover, may have taken place after the eclipse of March 13 n.e. 4, and yet on the 18th Junuary of the year 8 n.e., reckoning the first Nisan as the 18th of March, in accordance with the festive calendar of the Jews. Thus more time would be allowed for the events recorded by Josephus as having taken place between the eclipse and the death of Hicrod, as also between the death and the Passover. On the usual reckening the first Nisan

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Quandt, Lc. 21-25.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Ibid. Lc. 4-12.

fell on the 29th of Mirch, and the day of the Passover on the 11th of April. Plausible reasons are given for the assumption that a longer period than 18 days are required between the eclipse and the death, and more than 11 days between the death and the Passover. But this hypothesis is irreconcileable with the fact, now established, that the Mishna-rule was often followed by the Isnedites, and that accordingly the first year of a king might not have lasted more than one day. Josephus certainly reckons the days from the 20th of March to the 11th of April as 1 full year. Herod died not. 4.

The first discussion of the statement of Josephus, but it is also confirmed by his reference to a lunar cellpse in the night of the day when, an indefinite but probably short time before his death, several persons were burnt to death. Such an eclipse took place 23 days before the Passover, out he 184h of March, n. a. 4. At the Passover of that year Archelaus, shaving succoedic-Herod, slew 8000 Jews and Samaritans opposed to his gowernent. As Herod died early in n. a. 4, and as Guirinus could not possibly be appointed gowerner before the death of Herod and yet after the appointment of Quirinus as governor of Syria. The governorship of Quirinus cannot possibly be connected with the time of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus or Anareta. We attribute on weight whatsoever to the connection of the birth of Jesus with a taxing, as we hope to provide that he was born about fourteen years before the Christian ern, and that the commencement of the same the fourth year after Hero's death was connected with this historically impossible time, not by chamee, but with the design of connecting the destruction of Jerusulem in

<sup>1</sup> Another and a total celipse of the moon occurred twenty-eight days before the Passorer, on the 10th of January n.c. 1. Mr. Bosanquest holds that Herod died between that day and the Passorer following, of the year n.c. 1, and thus arrives at the autumn of n.c. 3 or the spring of n.c. 2 for the birth of Jeans, 'as hald down by St. Ludy.

the year A.D. 70 with the symbolism of the mysterious mumber seventy.

We have shown, that designed alterations can be detected in the Hebrew text of the Old Testament, the final revision of which did not take place till after the return from Babylon. The text of the New Testament was not finally revised before the time of Constantine. It has been proved by the most ancient Syrian version . which we possess, that 'The Gospel of the Hebrews' accounted for 17 generations from Abraham to David. Yet in our Gospel according to St. Matthew, and moreover in that part which alone can be proved to have been directly translated from the Hebrew, the genealogy of Jesus Christ is divided into three parts, and it is especially mentioned, that each of these divisions countain twice seven or fourteen generations. Thus the 17 generations from Abraham to David are reduced to 14, and the 13 generations from Salathiel to Jesus are increased to fourteen. This was done apparently with a view to point out the sanctity of the number seven, and perhaps also in order to suggest that the 18th genealogy refers to Jesus. the 14th to his second coming as Messials. Since the two designed alterations of the Hebrew text which we have pointed out are directly or indirectly connected with the mystic number seventy, the above alteration in the Greek text of the New Testament, connected as this alteration is with the mystic number seven, must be regarded likewise as made with a design to serve dogmatic purposes. We shall now substantiate our suggestion, that the nativity of Jesus, for a similar doguatic reason, was placed in the year 754 of Rome, or in the year one of the Dionysian era, that is four years after the death of Herod, in spite of the unanimous statement in the gospels that Jesus was born during the reign of Herod.

About the early and aboriginal connection of the holiness of the number seven with the seven stars of the Ficiades, see our work, preparing for publication, on The Fleiades and the Zodian.

The commencement of the Christian era is incorrect, as first fixed by Victorinus or Victorinus of Aquitania in 465, who dated it from the death of Jesus, and then by Dionysius Exiguns, a Seythian by birth, living as a price in Rome from \$50-58\$, who began the era with the birth of Jesus. It may be that the Dionysian era was fixed in accordance with a design of making the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus coincide with the mystic year 70, dated from the supposed nativity of Jesus.

The date of the birth of Jesus, to which attention can be shown to have been directed early in the second, if not in the first century, cannot be even approximatively determined by the statement in the Gospel after St. Luke: that Jesus was about thirty years old when he began to teach. This broad statement, originally perhaps a mere explanatory note or gloss, later received into the text. may be explained to refer to the age which public teachers must have reached, or surpassed, before being acknowledged as such.1 But apart from this argument there is no reason for assuming that this statement must be connected directly with the preceding record about the baptism of John, in the fiftcenth year of Tiberius, in 'all the country about Jordan,' Some time, probably from one to two years, must have clapsed between the fifteenth year of Tiberius, when 'the word of God came unto John,' and the time 'when all the people were bantized,' and when Jesus came to him to be bantized.2 We are expressly told that it was not until Jesus heard that

Evangelien, 22, 354, 658-660.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Compares Num. in. 2; 1 Olmon, axiii. 3.
<sup>2</sup> Compares Num. in. 2; 1 Olmon, axiii. 3.
<sup>3</sup> According to Volkmar's chassival reserving tion. Journal of the prices from 30 to 31 ac. In secons to us to establish the following points, and the prices of t

John had been cast into prison, that he began to preach in Galilee. It corresponds well with these facts and arguments, that, according to Justin Martyr, Jesus was 'thirty years old or more when John began to preach, that is, before Jesus did so.1

We shall now try to prove conclusively that this statement in the Gospel after St. Luke cannot possibly have been originally connected with the fifteenth year of Tiberius so as to show Jesus to have been in that year, or a few years later, about thirty years old. We think it can be established by sound arguments that Jesus in that year 29 was at least forty-three years old.

As Herod died four years before our era. Jesus must have been born at least one year earlier. The recorded murder of the children at Bethlehem, connected with the birth of Jesus, need not refer to the last year of Herod. How many years before Herod's death Jesus was born cannot therefore be determined from the Gospel records. Justin Martyr's statement, that Jesus was born about 150 years before the composition of the first Apology, probably before 188. is too general to deserve notice. But the first Father of the Church who refers to the age of Jesus states that he lived between forty and fifty years.2 Irenous refers to a double authority, which is all the more remarkable, as it cannot be proved that before or in his time this was a debated question. He refers to 'the Gospel' and to the tradition of the elders who had lived with John' in Asia: 'From the fortieth to the fiftieth! year a man begins to decline towards old age, which our Lord possessed while he still fulfilled the office of a teacher, even as the gospel and all the elders testify: those who were conversant in Asia with John, the disciple of the Lord, (affirming) that John conveyed to them that information.'s

<sup>1</sup> Dial. 88, 815.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Compare Anieniome Christian Libra

<sup>3</sup> Maer. 11, 22, 4-0.

This statement is preceded by a reference to the thirty years. 'How could be have taught unless he reached the age of a master? For when he came to be baptized he had not yet completed his thirtieth year, but was beginning to be about thirty years of age.' It is added, that according to 'these men,' the first three Evangelists, 'he preached only one year, reckoning from his baptism.' It must be admitted that this looks like a later interpolation For if Jesus had not yet completed his thirtieth year in or possibly after the fifteenth year of Tiberius, and vet lived from forty to fifty years, his crucifixion could not have taken place during the reign of Tiberius, which is a fact, as the Annals of Tacitus refer to it.1 This fact must have been well known to Ireneus. The fifteenth year of Tiberius is the year 29, and Tiberius died certainly not later than 37 A.D., or eight years later. If Jesus was not more than twenty-nine years old in A.D. 29, he was not! more than thirty-seven years old at the death of Tiberius.

It is thus proved, that I rename cannot possibly have connected his statement about I-seus having been between forty and fifty years old, with that in the Gospel after St. Luke about-lessus having been about thirty, or even not yet thirty as it is explained, when he came to be hiptized, which was not before, but possibly after the fiftenth'year of. Tiberius, the year 29. The two passages absolutely exclude each other.

Yet Ironeus refers to 'the Gospel,' as well as to manimous Apostolic trudition, when he asserts that Jesus was between forty and fifty years old when he died. We may therefore regard the passage in the third Gospel as a mere gloss which referred, as the passage in the works of Ironeus directly confirms, to the required age of a teacher, which was thirty years or more. Moreover this gloss was not intended to be connected with the time about the fifteenth vent of Thereins, and to show how old Jesus was on

or about that year. Whether this passage be so regarded or not, this much is certain, that Irenaus did not refer to the Gospel after St. Iake when he wrote, that his assertion about the age of Jesus was made on the double authority of the Gospel, and the tradition of disciples of the Apostle John.

To what passage in any of the four Gospola, which Temeus is the first to cite by name, can this learned Father of the Church have referred? What passage it in the Gospela is there, besides the passage cited, Which refers to the age of Jesus, and to which the testimony of 'all the elders who were conversant will John in Asia' testified, afflurning that the Apostle St. John 'conveyed them the information'? It must be a passage which, without the aid of an explanation of the initiated, would not have mecssarily 'conveyed that mecssarily' conveyed that first passage in question is in the Gospel according to St. John, which, rightly understood, and as, the Gospel explains, referred to the person of Jesus, 'to' the Temple of its body.'

The first question which arises is, whether those of the Jews to whom the words of Jesus were addressed could possibly have misunderstood their meaning, so as to refer them to the building of the Temple. We lay no stress on the probability that, in harmony with Eastern custom. Jesus pointed to his person with his hand when he spoke the words in question: Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' Also our argument does not require the very probable assumption, that among the people who surrounded Jesus, asking for a 'sign,' thus demanding an authority for his acts, were men in authority, that is, scribes, priests, and men belonging to the Temple-guard. On either of these allowable assumptions Jesus would have been understood as he wished to be understood. But the reference to the 'three days' must have prevented a connection of his words with the stone-

1 John ii. 18-91.

Temple by those who have about the resurrection, whether they, like the Planieses, accepted that doctrine, or whether they refused to acknowledge it, like the Sadducees. The high-priests and Phariaese appearing before Plate did connect the saying of Jesus about the three days with the resurrection. Again, not by true but by 'false witnesses,' whose testimony moreover did not agree, it was asserted, a that Jesus had said within their hearing; 'I will destroy this Temple that is undo with hands, and within three days I will build nurther made without hands.'

The Jowe, probably Sadducees, thus rightly referring the works of Jesus to his person, and following Jesus in the allegorical form of speech chosen by him, proceeded to create him out his own ground, by expressing adoubt that. Jesus' could blinself restore in three days what was the growth of forty-six years. 'Forty and six persons was this Temple in building, and will then rear if up in three days?' The following word commencing with Stuf, must therefore be taken in the series of, 'now, he spoke of the tenude of his body.'

Refollows from this, that in the first year of his ministry, decrease was forly-six years old, just as the Gospot-statement implies, to which fremms refers as to the written multiority for Josen having livel between firsty and fifty years. This assertion may now be connected with the passage thus explained. According to the same frosped thrae years later, in the last year of the life of Jeans, the does said: "Floor art may refit fity years old, and will, thou have seen Abraham 2." Thus the connection of the, former passage in the faurth Gospel by Trenauch with the tradition of those who had known the Apostle St, John becomes lightly significant, and finathists a new proof as to the connection of this Gospel with the beloved disciden and with the first three Gospels."

<sup>1</sup> Mark xiv. 58; comp. Matt. xxvii. 62, 63,

Orbal tradition is shown to have been the cause of Biblical development in the Old and the New Testament, in The Hidden Wisdom of Christ.

According to the so explained passages in the fourth Googel, Jesus was forty-six, years old in the first year of his teaching, and not yet fifty years old in the year of his teaching and not yet fifty years old in the year of his death, in essential harmony with the statement of Irenness. This Gospel refers either to three or (possibly?) to two years of his ministry. We regard the three years ministry, se conclusively proved. Accordingly Jesus was in his forty-minth year when he died.

The erucifixion of Jesus took place, as we have seen, during the reign of Tiberius, who according to Josephus reigned twenty-two years, five months, and three days,2 It is doubtful whether this time is reekoned from the death of Augustus, or from the time that Tiberius was co-recent. But it is generally assumed that Tiberius was murdered in the beginning of the year 37, probably in March. Accordingly the year 86 is the latest possible for the death of Jesus. Now, the year 33 can be proved from'. the Gospels to have been the earliest possible year for the erucifixion, if we accept the forty-eight years of the Fourth Gosnel and of Trensus. Once more, as in the case of the false witnesses, a statement in another of the Gomels confirms the Fourth Gospel. According to the Gospelafter Matthew, Jesus was twelve years old when, after the death of Herod, and after a stay in Galilee, he went with his parents to Jerusalem. Jesus cannot have returned from Egypt and gone to Jerusalem at the time of Easter in the year of Herod's death. He went there certainly not earlier than the year after it, or 3 s.c. It follows that in the year of Herod's death, 4 B.C., Jesus cannot

See S. Sharpe, The Chromology of the Bible, 1898, p. 60-71.
A confirmation of the statements in the Annale of Tanitum lies in the reported fact that Therine was dead when Pouline Pilate arrived at Rome, sent there by Villelling, provenor of Syrai, in order to defeed himself against the accessions of the Semantisms, who were being provested: Bibe the Christians adming the veige of Arqippa I, and who lend risen under Sistems (Langus Y), shout 50, thus possibly its connection with the crueical content of the Christians administ the villegant to the content of the crueical content of the Christian administration of the Chris

have been more than eleven years old, so that he cannot have been born before the year 15 n.c., and that after a life of forty-eight years the earliest year of his death was 33 n.c., the 19th of Herod, when, according to Cechroms, Josus died. In that year the Paschal full moon fell on Friday the 18th Nisan, so that the 14th Nisan lasted from Thurnday to Friday evening, as in the year of the caucifition according to the Gornels.

If Jeans was forty-eight years and at Baster in the year 33, it follows that he was been in 15 a.c. A coordingly in the year of Horol's death, 4 a.c., Jeans was eleven year they expended the property of the property of the year of Horol's death, 4 a.c., Jeans was eleven year old, and the recorded number of findates a Behaldeen of the age of two years and under refers to about the ninth year before Herod's death, 14-18 a. O. The journey of Joseph and Mary with Jeans when twelve years old to Jerusalem, probably with a view to the usual course of instruction in the law, took place in the year after the death of Herod, and less than two years after the return from Egypt, after a stey of about nine years in that country. In the fifteenth vear of Theritz 29 a.D. Jeans was forty-four years old.

If Jesus, as a child, was nine to ten years in Egypt, he received his carliest religious instruction probably in Greek and in accordance with the text of the Septuagint. Thus the general reference of Jesus and his disciples to the Sentuagint version would be explained, as also the anguestionable connection of the Gospel-doctrines with those of the Apocrypha or 'hidden writings,' which were in Palestine forbidden, but formed an important part of the Greek version of the Scriptures. Again, if the doctrinal enlargement and development of the Septuagint can be traced to a secret tradition of the initiated, made known in Alexandria to a large circle, but which continued to be a 'hidden wisdom' to the people in Palestine, the Jewish doctors at Jerusalem would naturally be astonished at a boy of twelve years old betraving an unusual knowledge, and later at a teacher who had 'never learnt' the Scriptures.

<sup>1</sup> On the 25th of December. See The Pleiades and the Zodine.

YEAR OF THE MARTYRDOM OF ST. STEPHEN AND ST. JAMES.

On the assumption that the death of the first martyr took place in the first year of the porsecutor Herod Agrippa L, of Asmonoen (Sadducean?) descent, that is in 41, the journey of St. Paul to Damascus and his eon-version took place in that year, and as Agrippa's rule of terror lasted three years, a reason would thus be assigned for St. Paul's not returning to Jerusalem until three years after his conversion.

'About the same time,' or, as we explain, contemporaneously with the martyrdom of St. Stephen, summarily brought about by the persecutor, the Apostle St. James, brother of St. John, was beheaded by Agrippa, and St. Peter was put into prison, was marvellously led out of it, and he left Jerusalem for 'another place,' that is, for Rome, as we shall presently render probable. If St. Peter was nut into prison in 41, it is certain that 'James, the brother of the Lord, was in the same year, 41, set over the disciples at Jerusalem. For St. Peter refers to him and the brethren in the night of his marvellous delivery out of prison. During the three years of Agrippa's reign of terror, the Apostles seem to have been kept in more or less striet confinement, and probably for this reason, perhaps also because James was trusted by the Sadducces, the Apostles are in the Aets stated to have been exceptionally spared during the general persecution of Christians. The accession of the young Herod Agrippa II. in 44 seems to have put an end to these persecutions. To this time the following statement in the Acts may be referred. The Apostles were suddenly led out of prison by an angel, and they preached daily and openly the word of Christ Jesus,' Those who could three years earlier put to death St. Stephen and St. James, now were afraid of being stoned by the people when leading the Apostles out of the Temple.1

Acts xii. 16; v. 12-42; viii. 1.

The possibility that the first two martyrs died in 41 will be raised to a probability, if it can be reasonably assumed, that during part of the three years which St. Paul spent in Arabia, that is, in the land east of Jordan, St. Feter founded the Roman Church.

## ST. PETER AND PHILO IN ROME:

Seeing that the beheading of St. James 'pleased the Jews.' Agrippa proceeded to take St. Peter also, 'intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.' By a marvellous interposition of Providence led out of prison on a certain night after Easter, just before Herod intended to bring him forth, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John Mark, 'where many were gathered together praying,' and Rhoda having announced the unexpected arrival St. Peter beekoned with his hand unto the inmates of the house 'to hold their peace,' declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of prison. and said : 'Go show these things unto James and to the brethren, and he departed and went into (unto) another place.' St. Peter had to flee for his life, and he must have tried to gain the sea-coast as quickly as possible. His nearest road would take him to Joppa, where he had quite lately made friendship with Simon the tanner. Thence he would perhaps go to Cæsarea, to his friend Cornelius, captain of the Italian band. From this place his further escape by sea or land would be easier. According to the Clementines, James was appointed after seven years 'from the passion of the Lord,' that is in 41. the first year of Agrippa I. Thus it is confirmed that St. James was in that year beheaded and St. Peter put into prison, whereupon he was delivered and went 'unto another place.' He met Simon at Cæsarea, and 'drove him away into Italy.' St. Peter followed him

and had disputations with him at Bonuc.\ In 42, 83. Pelec founded the Church at Rome eccording to the tradition transmitted and confirmed by Eusebius as well as by 83. Peromo.\(^2\) Both these learned Fathers of the Church attest, the one in direct connection with the first stay of 83. Peter at Rome, that in this city \$1. Peter met with \(^2\)Philo of Alexandria. Eusebius adds, that this meeting led to 'familiar conversation' between the Apostle and the learned Alexandrian Jew, whilst the former 'proclaimed the Gospel to the inhabitants of that city.\)The learned and impartfal historian states that he regarded this as 'not at all improbable,' threety-implying, that this 'familiar conversation,' though not the meeting at Rome which led to it, was drawn in question by some in the fourth centure.

In the Armenian version of the Chronicle of Eusebius, the second year of Clauditis, or 42, is mentioned as the year of St. Peter's arrival in Rome, which year St. Jerome also mentions as the year of the foundation of the Roman Church. From this it follows that both Eusebius and St. Jerome had reasons to believe that Philo and St. Peter met at Rome in 42, that is, in the ninth year after the crucifixion of Jesus.

It must be regarded as the most remarkable of all recorded and dearly undesigned coincidences, that Philo fixes his one visit to Rome about the year 41, and that he leads us to assume that he remained there until 42. At the head of a deputation of Alexandrian Jews Philo appeared first before Caliguda, and then his apology was read before the Roman senate during the reign of Claudius, which can hardly have been done when in January 41 the soldiers by force set up this emperor. In the first year of the Practorian rule the senate can hardly have head time to consider the case brought forward by Alexandrian Jews. Everything

Recog. i. 48; Constit, vi. 8; Hom, iii, 20 f.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Eus. H. E. ii. 17. Compare 14 and Chron. (Armen.). Hier. Catal.

tends to show that it was during Philo's prolonged stay for some indeterminable time after 41, that he met 8t. Peter at Rome. The undesigned coincidence between the time fixed for this meeting by Bussbius and 8t. Jezome, and the time fixed by Philo for his arrival at Rome, may be regarded as a remarkable confirmation of the Roman tradition in the Clementines, which moreover makes 8t. Peter travel from Jerusslem by Cassara to Rome in the very year 41 in which we place his departure from Jerusslem by Jonon and Cessrea unto another place.

So long as St. Feter's absence from Jerusslem after his miraculous escape from prison enunct be coinceted with some other facts, or even with some other theory, the remarkable coincidence of dates permits us at least to sesume that the tradition transmitted by the two most learned Fathers of the Church is correct, and that St. Peter did found the Church at Rome between the years 42 and 44, in which latter year we find him and Enul again at Jerusslem with James for fifteen days.

St. Peter and St. Paul jointly founded the Church at Antioch, probably between 44 and 45. At Corinth St. Paul met with Gaius, Aquila and Priscilla, the latter of whom had left Rome after the promulgation of the edict of Claudius (about 49-50?). The journey of St. Paul and Barnabas to Judea, charged by the disciples of Autioch to convey the collections to relieve the Jews suffering by the famine, took place probably in the year of that famine, 45-46. The apostolic council took place from 54 to 55, if fourteen years after St. Paul's conversion His later journeys, including his stay of two vears at Ephesus, may have taken place from 56-59, his last journey to Jerusalem at latest in 60, his departure from Cæsarea in the autumn of 65, his arrival at Rome in the spring of 66, and his martyrdom, perhaps contemporaneously with that of St. Peter, in 68 or 69, probably before the death of Nero in June 68. All dates after A.D. 44 are more or less uncertain.

#### RETROSPECT AND CONCLUSION.

A consecutive chronology is the best proof of an uninterrupted historical tradition. We are in possession of a sequence of historical dates, preserved and transmitted by the Babylonians as well as by the Hebrews, and reaching to the year 2458 B.C. This year marks an era of Babylonian and the starting-point of Hebrew Chronology. The Babylonian tradition connects it with an historical event, the capture of Babylon by a foreign nation, whom the Chaldman historian Berosus calls Medes. Hebrew records connect that same year with what is there designated as the birth of Shem. For on this assumption all our synchronisms have been obtained. 'Two years after the Flood,' we are told, 'Shem was 100 years old; ' from which it follows, accepting our date for the birth of Shem, that what in Genesis is termed the Noachian flood, took place in 2860 B.C.

The Hebrews, whose ancestors had lived in 'Ur of the Chaldces,' further connected with a Babylonian date the departure of Abraham from Haran, Naharayn or Mesopotamia. We have reasons to regard as the movements of a powerful tribe, what is related in Genesis as a family history, the journey of Abraham, with Sarai and Lot and the souls which they had gotten in Haran, from that country through Canaan into Egypt.

For, 367 years after the Noachian flood according to Genesis, that is, according to our Chronology, in 1992 B.C., when this migration took place, a new dynasty came to the throne at Babylon, according to the now firmly established dates for the Babylonian dynastics of Berosus. The cuneiform inscriptions speak of a Kudur-Mabuk. and, after the divinity Lagamer, a king of the same family might be called Kudur-Lagamer, who, like Kudur-Mabuk and Chedorlagmer, may have been 'King of Elam,' The first king of the Berosian dynasty which acceded to the throne in a 9

Babylon in the year 1992, when Abraham left Haran, possibly called Kudur-Lagamer, was certainly a contemporary of Chedorlaomer, and probably identical with him.

It being now proved that the migration of Abraham and his party from Mesopotamia was contemporaneous with the accession of a new and probably Elamite dynasty in Eabylon, the movements of the Elamite Chelorlaconer may be connected with Abraham's movements. The probability gains ground, that his journey to Egypt, where the Hykoso were then ruling, was directly connected with political considerations, and that the Hykoso and their allies took part in the battle of Shiddim. We have, therefore, now no longer any reason to doubt that the Helorew historian, Josephus, had good reasons to give credence to the statement of the Greek historian and friend of Herod and Augustus, Nicolaus of Damascous, that Abraham (having pursued Chedorlaconer to Damascous) conquered Damascus and ruled there bordly after his having left Harns.

Knowing the year of Chedorlaomer's accession, we also know that in his fourteenth year, or 1979 B.C., the battle in the valley of Shiddim took place. Between the exodus from Haran and the exodus from Egypt the Mosaic records mark a period of 480 years, of which 400 years were by the Hebrews passed in Egypt. The Mosaic Exodus is thus shown to have taken place in the vear 1563 B.C. According to Orosius, the Pharaoh of the Exodus died five years later, in 1558 B.C. The year 1515 B.C. being astronomically fixed for the accession of Tuthmoses III., the duration of the reigns of his two predecessors, Tuthmoses II. and I., according to Manetho twenty-two and twenty-one years, carry us from 1515 to 1558, when according to Manetho, Amenophis I, died, who is thus shown to have been the Pharaoh of the Exodus. The Hebrew date for the Exodus falls within the thirteen years reign of Amenophis I., according to Manetho, whose tradition about a second rule of the Hyksos for thirteen years before their final expulsion is thus confirmed.

We are therefore entitled to record a threefold synehronism of the highest importance. The year 1563 B.C. is the Hebrew date for the exodus from Egypt. The year 1558 is the date when the Pharaoh of the Exodus died. secording to the statement of the Spanish presbyter Orosius. the friend of St. Jerome, and who, during his long stay in Africa and Syria, seems to have drawn his information from trustworthy sources in the fifth century. Finally, between the year 1558 and the astronomically fixed year for the accession of Tuthmoses III, in 1515, lie the fortythree regnal years which Manetho places between the death of Amenophis I, and the accession of Tuthmoses III. Given the year 1515 B.c. for the accession of Tuthmoses III., the year 1558 is the Manethonian date for the last regnal year of Amenophis I., whilst the same year is given by Orosius for the death of the Pharaoh of the Exodus, which, according to the restored Hebrew Chronology, took place in the year 1563 B.C., or five years before the final expulsion of the Hyksos. Thus Hebrew tradition, Egyptian tradition, and later African or Syrian tradition, confirm each other.

The period from the Exodus to the building of the Temple is one of 592, not of 480 years. Josephus twice mentions 592 and twice 612 years for this period, thus mixing it end either with the foundation or with the desication of the Temple. For the following reasons we insist that 592 must be adopted instead of 480, given in the first book of Kings.

1. St. Paul must have known, that from the division of the land until Samuel the Prophet were 450 years. If he was right, the period from the Excotus to the building of the Temple must have comprised a much longer number of years than 480. The forty years of Mosss, from the Excotus to his death, suffice for the demand of a longer period. Accepting the 450 of St. Paul, and adding the forty years of Mosss, and the five years of Joshua before the division of land on the one side, and

on the other three years of Solomon's reign, the forty of David and Venety-two of Saul, thirty-two years are left for Samuel, and we get 502 years. Thus the Scriptural dates, added to the 430 years of St. Paul, give exactly the 502 years which Josephus assigns to the period from the Exodust to the Temple. St. Paul and Josephus drew from one and the sum historical tradition, by which they in this instance both corrected the Scriptures. It follows from this with mathematical precision, that the judgeship of Samuel, the duration of which is not given in Scripture, Samuel, the duration of which is not given in Scripture, the sum of Judges and in the first of Samuel as referring to this period, find their place in the chalaged frame of 502 years, and that the undetermined period from the death of Ehnd to Barnk's vicioly is limited by twenty years.

2. Jephtha assigned in round numbers 800 years to the period from the division of the land until the firstyear of his judgeship. This is only then approximatively correct, if we accept 592 instead of 480 years. According to our chronology this period was from 1518 to 1109 n.c., and included 310 years.

3. The synchronisms which result from our Hebrew and our Egyptian Chronology show, that the dominions of Moubites, Philistines, and Ammonites over Israelites were contemporaneous with the advances of Pharnohs through Chanan into Mesopotamia.

4. It is only by necepting the 592 years which the Helstow records can be alsent to require for the period from the Exodus to the building of the Temple, and by reckoning these 592 years from 1363 n.c., our date for the Exodus, that we have obtained without exception, and by accepting Helrow dates, all the synchronisms required between the histories of the Helrowa, Assyrians, Babylonians, and Egyptians. Among these is a sixfold if not a sevenifold synchronism with regard to the year T11 n.c., which may be regarded as the most remarkable in ancient history.

Although as yet mable to produce a consecutive chrowlegy of the Asyrians, the barmony now established by the known Asyrian dates between Hebrew Chronology and the Cunon of Poleony, and with Egyptian dates, permits us to ascert that the continuousness of the canciform annals is thereby continuousness or the canciform annals is thereby continuousness or my interregumen in that of Israel. All these nations prosessed and carefully pre-evred historial chromological annals. It is owing to chromological dates preserved in canciform inscriptions that the regard years of Balylonian dynastics can be determined from the year 2458 n.c., the Berosian date for the accession of the Medes, to the accession of Cyrus in 588, thus showing an uninterrupted chromology of 1920 years.

With regard to Egyptian Chronology, we submit that the most trustworthy Manethonian dates can be ascertained, that by a certain system of co-regencies they barmonise with the monumental dates, that they can occasionally be confirmed by astronomical calculations. and that they lead to remarkable synchronisms. The most important of these are contemporaneous events recorded by Egyptian and by Hebrew Chronology. The now established synchronism between Solomon and Shishak fixes the date for the canture of Jerusalem, and thus enables us, by accepting Manethonian dates, to assign to the Pharaohs of the eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth dynasties, who advanced through Caman to Mesopotamia, such regnal years as correspond with the Hebrew dates for foreign dominions over the Israelites, At the time when these Pharaohs required the alliance of the Philistines and cognate nations in Canaan, the Philistines. Moabites, and Amorites can be shown to have ruled over the Israelites according to the Biblical records, from which synchronism we are led to surmise that the foreign rulers were the allies of the Egyptians.

It would seem that according to the scheme pro-

pounded in this Essay, possible if not approximatively correct dates can be assigned to the reigns of Manethonian dynastics, from the eighteenth to the twenty-sixth, extending over a consecutive period of eleven centuries, or from the approximate date for the accession of Ahmes to the death of Amosis or Amasis, from about 1600– 597. p. c.

After this retrospect of the chief results of our chronology, we refer in conclusion to their indirect bearing on prehistoric times. The early existence of an hereditary tribal tradition of initiated, and the Eastern origin of this tradition.1 first verbal, then written, is an increasingly prohable hypothesis, by which the continuity of chronology and likewise the development traceable in holy writ can be best explained. The symbol, differently interpreted by the initiated and the uninitiated, formed the point of union between these two classes of human society, and thus between science and religion. As a rule, symbols were framed in perfect harmony with, and contained nothing contrary to tradition. A higher knowledge of what had been transmitted faithfully from generation to generation, would enable the initiated, not only to establish connecting links between a less enlightened past and a more enlightened present, between religion and science, but to mark the development of the future, prophetically though not chronologically.

Occasionally symbols or rules of faith were formed by sewards of radition, not in humony with history, and thus with the ever-developing Divine onlightenment, but with a view to real or supposed exigencies in the religious life of manikind. When new symbols concel to take the place of ancient symbols, tradition become stignant, symbols petrified, and barriers were erected between science and religion.

The existence of an esoteric knowledge or hidden wisdom is confirmed by the now established fact that St.

<sup>1</sup> Compare 'The Hidden Wisdom of Christ, or History of the Apocrypha.'

Paid and Josephus drew from one and the same nonwritten tradition, when they corrected an important date in holy writ. The existence of mysteries referring to the relations between the creature and the Creator. which were known to the few, unknown to the many, led to a publication of these truths in an allegorical form, well adapted to the immediate unrace, and specioned by those who regarded the secretion of invsteries as necessary for the preservation of class privileges. The preaching of the good news of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, of the Gospel, to the poor and minitiated. was a gradual one. At first by parables only, the seed of the Word of God, the doctrine of the Spirit of God, of Christ, in the hearts of men, was sown brondenst by the Son of Man and the Son of the living God, whilst the chosen few, according to the Gospel, St. Peter as the first among them, were instructed to proclaim from the housetons the more perfect Divine knowledge which had been whispered into their cars.

The hidden wisdom led to the use of the metaphorical. symbolical, allegorical, and parabolic forms. Whether and to what extent the initiated, or stewards of mysteries. interpreted figuratively the recorded miracles, cannot now be determined. The Biblical symbol of 7,000 years with its Millennium must be given up. The earliest period of Hebrew Chronology has been designedly shortened to 1656 years, being converted into twenty-three periods of seventytwo years, or Pleiades neriods. This designed alteration. as also that by which the 592 years were shortened into 480 years, has been made for dogmatic reasons, connected with the sanctity of the number seven, and this regardless of historical tradition. Likewise the date of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth has been designedly altered, and apparently for the similar dogmatic reason, of letting the destruction of Jerusalem coincide with the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See our forthcoming works: 'The Pleiades and the Zodiac,' and 'The Symbol of the Cross among all Nations.'

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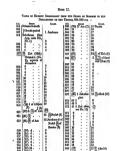
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# THE UNABBREVIATED PERIODS OF GENESIS FROM ADAM TO THE FLOOD.

Ir we have succeeded in proving that the so-called partiarchs before the Flood cannot be regarded as individuals, the possibility remains, that the number of years assigned to each patriarch represent successive historical periods amounting to \$225 - years. Starting from the year 2250 & ca. as the year of what in Genesis is recorded as the Noschian deluge, we obtain the following list of possible historical periods.

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Seth		912		9,655
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Mahalalel		895		6,028
Jarod		962		6,083
Enoch		365		5,071
Methuselah		693		4,703
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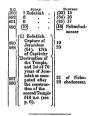
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BIBLICAL AUTHORITIES FOR THE LENGTH OF REIGNS IN JUDAH AND ISRAEL.

Oun date for Solomon's accession, 974 B.C., is obtained by making the year 2458 B.C., that is, the date in Genesis implied for the 'birth of Shem.' the starting-point of Hebrew Chronology, and by lengthening the recorded Mosaic period of 480 years to 592 years. The same date for Solomon's accession can be obtained by reckoning backwards from the lunar eclipse in 621 p.c., the fifth of Nabopulassar, recorded by C. Ptolemy and confirmed by astronomers of our days. The 353 years from 621 to 974 a.c. form the sum total of the regnal years assigned in the Bible to the kings of Judah from (the twentyfirst of) Josiah to the first of Solomon, if the last reign of a king is generally made to synchronize with the first of his successor (see Mishna-rule, p. 30), and if a system of contemporaneous reigns is adopted, which the Bible can be shown to imply. We follow Mr. Sharpe ('Chronology of the Bible,' 1868), in letting Azariah reign with his father Amaziah when sixteen years old, and from the sixth year of his father's reign: Ħ

thus doing away with the interreguum hitherto assumed between Jerolosom II. and his on Zealaviah, who, according to the second book of Kinga, began to reign in the year of his father's deuth. Accordingly, the twenty-aeventiol of Jerolosom II., synchronizes with the first of Azariah's sole regency, and his-wise with the first Olympial. We also accept Mr. Slampe's suggested co-reguezy of Abax and Johann multi the seventeenth year of the latter, which in the Blub is mentioned as the first year of the latter, which in the Blub is mentioned as the first regency. If it is thus shown that no interreguen need by placed between Pobla and Hosea, as little to untreasily assumed.

This important discovery of Mr. Sharpels, by which Hebree Chronology is shown to require an abhreviation of twenty years hidrerto assigned to two interreguous, is confirmed by the remarkable fleet established by our Chronology, that the Biblical regnal years thus computed without any interreguous, earry us from 63 La. Dackwards of 974 as the first of Solomon, that Is, puckedy to the same year which we obtained by 1965 as the state of the same year which we obtained by 1966 as the state of the same year which we obtained by 1966 as the state of the same year which we obtained by 1968 as the state of the same year which we obtained a proper state of the same year which we obtained to 1968 as the state of the same year which we have provided the same years the same which we will be a support to the same which we will be a support to the same which we will be same to the building of the Temple extended not over 480 and to eye 509 years, as SI. Palm and Josephus imply or assert.

We allow two years for a chaotic state after Solomon's death. in harmony with the express statements in the Septuagint, and with the implied statements of the Hebrew text about Jeroboam and Rehoboam. Our first year of Ahab synchronizes with the first, year of Jehoshauhat, since the fourth of Aliah can be shown to correspond with the first of Jehoshaphat's sole regency, not of his reign. We show that the synchronism required by the Bible between the fourth of Ahab and the first of Jehoshanbet. must be thus explained: for by this interpretation of the passage in the first book of Kings, the twenty-second or last year of Abab's reign, 854 B.C., synchronizes with the Assyrian date for the battle at Karkar on the Orontes, in which Shalmanesar II. fought against 'Ahab of Israel' and his confederates. The victory of Ahab over Benhadad at Aphek, and the covenant between these two, had preceded (probably by about three years) the buttle of Karkar, which led to the dissolution of this коте ин. 99

confederation, to an alliance between Iranel and Judah, and thus to the attack of Ramoth-Gilead, in which Alab was mortally wounded in his chariot by a Syrian archer. Our Hebrew Chronology and the Assyrian synchronism seem to prove that the battle of Ramoth-Gilead, as well as that of Karkar, was fought in 854 n.c. this having been the last year of Ahab's reign.

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To the following running numbers our preceding table of
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No. (1) 1 Kings xiv. 21. (2) 1 Kings xiv. 25; 2 Chron, xii. 2.

(3) 1 Kings xv. 1. (4) 1 Kings xv. 9.

(5) 1 Kings xv, 25; comp. 1 Kings xiv, 20; possible co-regency.

(6) 1 Kings xv. 33.
(7) 2 Chron, xvi. 1: regnal years of Rshoboam continued.

(8) 1 Kinga xvi, 8,

(9) 1 Kings xvi. 15, 22, 23.
(10) 1 Kings xvi. 29.

(11) 1 Kings xxii. 41; the first year of Jehoshaphat's sole regency is meant.

(12) 1 Kings xxii, 51; the seventeenth of Jehoshaphat's reign, not of his sole regency (comp. 1 Kings xvi. 20; xxii. 40).

(13) 2 Kings iii. I (disregarding 2 Kings i. 17). As Abstish reigned one year contemporaneously with Abeb, which is not excluded by the statement that he reigned 'in his stread,' so Abstish's brother Jehorem's first five regnal years synchronics with Abab's last five.

(14) 2 Kings viii, 16, 17.

(15) 2 Kings viii. 25 (contradicting 2 Kings ix. 20). (10) 2 Kings x. 36.

(17) 2 Kings ix. 27; xi. 4. (18) 2 Kings xii. 1.

(10) 2 Kings xiii. 1. (20) 2 Kings xiii. 10.

(21) 2 Kings xiv. 1, 17; xv. 1.
 (22) 2 Kings xiv. 23 (see No. 24); communication of Jerohoam's sole regency.

(23) 2 Kings xv. 2. (24) 2 Kings xv. 1; comp. xiv. 17; Azarish twelve years co-recent

with America. (25) 2 Kings xv. 8; comp. xiv. 29, no interregnum.

(26) 2 Kings xv. 13.

(27) 2 Kings xv. 17. (28) 2 Kings xv. 23.

(29) 2 Kings xv. 27. (30) 2 Kings xv. 32.

- (31) 2 Kings xvi. 1; commencement of sole reign of Abaz,
- (32) 2 Kings xvii, 1: xv. 30.
- (33) 2 Kines xviii, 1 (comp. Nos. 34, 35). (34) 2 Kings xviii. 9.
  - (35) 2 Kings xvil. 6; xviii, 10,
- (36) 2 Kings xxi. 1.
- (37) 2 Kings xxi. 19. (38) 2 Kings xxii, i.
- (30) 2 Kinga xxiii, 31, 36.
- (40) Jerem, xxv. 1.
- (41) 2 Kinga xxiv. 8-12. (42) 2 Kings xxiv. 18.
- (43) Ezek, i. 1, 2,
- (44) Jerem, xxxii, 1.

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DATE OF THE ACCESSION OF THOTHMES THE GREAT. (Br Mr. Basil II. Cooper.)

I runrosu to give a revised résumé of my Astronomical Proof that Thothmes III, reckoned his accession from B.C. 1515.1 The proof is based on the combination of a Sothine or Dogstar Rising Date with a New Moon Date, both recorded on inserintions of Thothmes the Great.

In 1860 I accepted the inference of Lepsius, Brugsch, Birch. and others, that the Elephantine Festival Tablet, containing the entry, 'Rising of the Dogstar on the 28th of Eninhi,' must be a monument of that king, because debris bearing his scutcheons were found close by. I now know that the Festival Tablet itself mentions him by name, as the offerer and celebrant at these festivals, one of which is this of the Rising of Sirius, the dies solennis for which amongst the Egyptians all the evidence, classical and epigraphical, proves to have been the 20th of July, or more strictly speaking, the Egyptian day which began with the morning of the 19th and ended with that of the 20th. In the imbissextile kalendar of the First Sothine Period, that of Arnimos,2 which began with the Rising of

British Quart. Rev. Oct. 1860, nrt., 'Egyptology and the Two Exeden'; eprinted under the title, 'Hieroglyphical Date of the Exedus,' by B. H. ner. 1801.

2 So Consorinus (De Die Nat. c. 19) and the manuments name the Pharach who first added the Five Days of the Esset at the end of the twelve menths of Thirty Days each, which made up the Primitive Egyptian Year, Sirius on the Egyptian New Year's Day = 20th July, s.c. 2783, the 28th of Epiphi answered to the 20th of July during the single tetracteris a.c. 1477-4. It follows that one of the above four years a.c. 1477, 1476, 1475, or 1474 must have fallen within the reign of Thothmes the Great

Lensius was perfectly aware of the covency of this inference. and since it did not accord with his identification of the Menophres, under whom the astronomer Theon made the Second Sothiac Period begin B.c. 1323, with Monephtha, son of Ramses II. Sesostris, he supposed that the stonecutter must have blunderingly put Eniphi for the preceding month Payni. This pushed up the astronomical coincidence, which Lepsius has always lovally held to belong to Thothmes III., just 30 x 4 or 120 years. He had inherited that identification from Champollion-Figenc, whose decided genius for chronology had seized on this fragment of Theor, and on a statement in the Syncelline Canon (the so-called 'Sothis Book'), that the Hykshos Conquest took place in the 700th year of the Sothiac Period, as the two main pillars of his system. The name most like Menophres to be found in the Manethonian lists was that of the son of Ramses-Sesostris, viz. Menephthes, whilst the forename of the grandfather of Sesostris, Ramses I., of which Menophres is an exact transcript, used to figure in the books as 'Men " " Ra' many years after the vounger Champollion was laid beneath his obelisk in Père La Chaise. It was in the 'Dublin University Magazine' for July 1859, and not long after the discovery of the phonetic value of the previously unknown sign in the half-deciphered name, which every a reform which could have taken place only at the beginning of a Sothica Period. This very significant name Arnimos, i.e. 'Horus,' the Sun and Year god, 'Regenerated,' belongs to American Land is not known to have been horne by any other Pharaoh save Seti I., who, as appears from an inscription at Paris, was already reigning along with his father, Menophres Ramses L. when the Scoons Sothisc Period began, B.G. 1323. Amenemba I. reformed the Egyptian Kalendar in his 21st year, n.c. 2783, when he associated his son. Osortsen L, with himself in the kingdom. The Five Days of the Epact never appear on the monuments before this time, but already in the reign of Osortsen I. they are several times mentioned. Fruin reads Amenemes for the corrupt Arminos in Censorinus, which comes to the same thing. Solely on paleographical grounds I prefer the above

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Dr. Birch was the discoverer. The lamented Vicomte de Rougé, in his 'Mémoire sur l'Inscription du Tombeau d'Aahmes,' which first appeared of the

Ecuptian scholar can now read Men-peh-Ra, that Dr. Hineks announced his identification of this king with Theon's Menophyes. The important correction was unhannily too late to influence Lensius, whose 'Köniesbuch' was published in 1858 The substitution of Ramses I, for Menenhtha, as the Menophres of the Era would have given him exactly the 120 years which he was obliged to charge to the account of the blundering stonecutter, ridding him at one stroke of the necessity for arbitrarily altering either the hieroglyphical date or the Greek name in Theon's text. As Professor Eisenlohr well observes, Theon's Pharaoh Menophres bears a name involving that of the Sungod Ra, which appears in almost every Ecyntian royal name, whilst in Menephtha the divine name is that of Ra's father Phtha, the Econtian Henhaiston. In other words, the names Menephthes and Menophres both bear the genuine Egyptian stamp. At the same time they are perfectly distinct.

Moreover, had the successors of Champollion-Figeac lovally rallied to the important reform proposed by the very learned and acute Dr. Hincks, they would have been better prepared to do justice to the other astronomical date, which, together with the misinterpreted fragment of Theon, induced the very able French chronologist to make Sirius his guiding star through the labyrinth of the Egyptian annals. They would then have seen how unwise it was to throw away the invaluable date of the Hykshos Conquest, the 700th year of the Sothiac Period. merely on account of the tainted source whence it comes. Of course the forger would be sure to trick out his imposture with such notorious truisms as this genuine normar date with its round number of years must have been in Egypt, even down to the fifth century, when his patchwork system of Egyptian chronology from Menes-Mizraim to Alexander the Great was first published there as the 'genuine' work of Manetho. The title, 'Sothis,' or, 'The Dogstar,' as the Egyptian word means, pitched on by the dishonest monk for his fabrication. sufficiently indicates that this was precisely the sort of heit

in the Mimoires of the French Academy of Inscriptions and Belles Lettres ir 1853, was still unconvinced of the futth of the new reading (p. 146). I am indebted for this reference to Mr. Lapage Renoul, whose immense stores of crudition are always at the service of his fellow Egyptists. NOTE IV. 103

he held out to make his wares pass current. Even before the direcvery of the art of printing, every peasant in our island must have land some dim idea of the date of the Norman Conquest, if no other my of Roghich chorology had ever found its way into his poor dark brain. So in Egypt, must the memory of the earlier Foreign Conquest was blateful out by the later horrors perpetured by Omer and his hordes, the poorset Copt must have retained some notion as to his nation having once dated events by a Solthice Era, about the 170th year of located of Egypt. Very possibly they knew no better than the notice of Egypt. Very possibly they knew no better than the author of the pious fraud called the 'Sothis' when the Dogstar Period began.

With Hincks's correction of Champollion-Figone's premature identification of Monophres, the French scholar's two astronomical dates, together with Lepsius's Sothine date of Thothmes the Great, just as the stonocutter left it, for a third, are as harmonious as the Three Graces.

Of the agreement of the Menophres Era, as explained by Dr. Hincks, with the Elephantine inscription, I have already spoken. Nor is it less clear that if Ramses I., the last king of Dyn. XVIII., be Menophyes, the Hykshos must have conquered Earnt according to Manetho, as well as the 'Sothis,' about the 700th year of the First Sothiac Period. For Josephus gives us a Manethonian Total of 393 years from their Expulsion by Amasis to the end of Dyn. XIX., of which 140 years come after Menophres Ramses. There remain 253, which, added to the 511 of the Hykshos Occupation = 764. Hence they came in 764 years before Menophres, or in other words, in the year of the First Sothiac Period, 1461-764 or 697. The same year of the Sothiac Period, 697, results from adding together the 213 years assigned in the Turin Papyrus to the Twelfth Dynasty, from the Association of Amenemes I. and his son Osortson I., and the 484 of the Xoite Dynasty in Lower Egypt.

Perhaps we should rather say the author's younger contemporary and editor, Asimus, a much also, but a fire he shared one than the probable author, Pemoderus, who, shough very dishonest, some to have been apriling but as ignorance. Animase very likely lewered the starting-point of the List of Kings about half a contary, so fit his own date of the Dispersion of None's Grandellinear. The original author, like Herr von Cumpechi, our own day, dated the accession of Mones in the first year of the Sothiae Period near before that of Misconhurs.

down to the Hykshos Conquest, which its long struggle with the rival Theban Kings naturally rendered so easy.

I do think it is deeply to be regretted that of the elder Champellion's two key-dates, his successors not only threw away the precious and relatized the vile, but by so doing compleid themselves to treat their own still more valuable contribution, the Sodhiae block of Elephantiné, in a perfectly artiturary manner. Thus only one it be explained that after twenty years' further laborious research, coverned with success in owary older department, near util compiliar, as Tauny Corbaux did in 1855, that we are foundering about in a gold and the succession of the succession of the succession of the succession of the own first wars. In a succession of the succession of the succession of the art first wars, but without the concross times.

Unfortunately I was not myself aware in 1860 of the immense stride in advance taken shortly before by Dr. Hincks. How wonderfully it simplifies the case, especially with the help of the Stela of Amenembeb, an old campaigner under Thothmes himself, ust discovered by Dr. Ebers! we shall at once see.

We now know, from this inscription, that Thothmes III. reigned from the 4th of Pachom2 in his first year till his death on the 30th of Phamenoth, in his fifty-fourth. Morcover, the New Moon Date in his Annals at Karnak-viz. the 21st (not 22nd, as formerly misread) of Pachom, in his twenty-third year, the anniversary of his coronation, and the day on which he fought the important battle which ended with the taking of Megiddo, is at last clear of all difficulties. The text is now happily quite safe, which had been falsely conied in the standard transcripts, the new moon group having been left unrecognisable even by such experts as Dr. Birch. Another gain in the interval is that this Feria of the New Moon here is no longer an isolated and so far incomprehensible case. We have now the complete list of the Thirty Lunar Ferize, each of which had its name, like our days of the week, and its tutelary god, We now know too that the ancient Egyptians, somewhat like

See the Zeitzchrift of Lepsius and Bragsch for January and February 1873, for the text of this new and invaluable historical document, with a counlete German translation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This date is clearly given as that of the King's accession in a contemporary Karnak Festival List. On this day also, in his 'Annals,' his regeal years are found to change. The day of his death we first learn from the new Stella of Elbers.

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the modern Jews, reckaned two New Moon Ferize in each Lamar Month, the former being the day of the conjunction and the latter the day of the phase. All these lunar feries were evelically fixed, not by observation pro re nata, but according to a system so exact that whenever these feria occur combined with other kalendarial dates, they are always to be regarded as astronomical notes of time of the very highest value. I have found them so occurring under the Twelfth Dynasty, and even under the Sixth. The New Moon with which I am here concerned is the Bark or Astronomical New Moon, which in n.c. 1493 coincided with the 21st of Pachom = May 17-18 in that year. The conjunction fell about noon on May 17th. Supposing this to be the Pharach's twenty-third year, his first was of course a.c. 1515. Doubtless in the abstract there are alternative dates, but practically there is not one. The Lamar Cycle of the Imbissextile or Vague Egyptian Kalendar of exactly 365 days is twenty-five years, with an error of little more than an hour. Hence the lunar conjunction took place also on the 21st of Pachom, n.c. 1493 + 25 = n.c. 1518. But to make this the king's twenty-third year is to make his first n.c. 1540, between which and n.c. 1477, the very earliest of the four consecutive years when the 28th of Epiphi coincided with the 20th of July, as the juscription records was the case when he presented his offerings at Elephantine, are sixtythree years, whereas he reigned, as the Ehers Stela records, but fifty-four. Moreover, like the lower alternative a.c. 1494-25= B.C. 1469, this hypothesis would rob us of what we cannot afford and do not mean to lose. I refer to the beautiful harmony which we attain by means of the intermediate date May 17-18 n.c. 1493 with the Era of Menophres. If Thothmas III, began to reign p.c. 1515, then his fifty-four years end p.c. 1461, hetween which and the Era of Menophres, or the beginning of the Second Sothiac Period on the Egyptian New Year's Day, the first of Thoth=July 19-20th n.c. 1323, are 138 years. But this is precisely the sum of the reigns which Manetho interposes between his Mesphra-Tuthmosis (Men-sheper-Ra Thothmes III.) and Menophres Ramses I. I rectify in Josephus, with the monuments and Syncellus, the transposition of Aai-sphres1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the corrupt MIZ-PIE, of the Lists, I read AAIX-PRE. Of course Armais, in like manner, reigns after his father, Menophres Rames I., not

(Asi-shepro-Ra, the foremane of the son and mecessor of Thothmes III.—vix Amen-hotel III. For Rathoc (Manetho's righthy-read name of the son-in-haw and successor of the Dike-workinger Advanctables, the Abenduchthers of Manetho) I read five years and nine months, instead of nine years, in accord with the six yazar in Affairms. Lastly, I restore, with the meanments, the dropped unit five to the reign of Amen-publis III. These are all the changes I allow myself in Manetho's numbers as reported by one oldest authority, Josephus. The result is a test, including the single year and four months of Menophres Rames himself, of 138 years and six months.

The reciproral verification bases mothing to be desired. The first filled within the short regic of sixteen months assigned by Manucho to Memophres Bauses J. I submit, therefore, that the rigg of Thethinuse the Great, the Computers of Syria and Mesopotamia, is determined with at least as great a object of establisty as that of Alexander, and with even greater precision. The accended the throne of the Pharaolav May 7th, to 1515, and varied it by his doctable March 214, no. 1561.

#### Note V.

# SHISHAK I. AND PSUSENNES II. CO-REGENTS,

## (Br Mr. Bish IL Coorer.)

o. The fact, long since benomstated by Lepsins, from the incriptions on the statue of the Nile-gol deflexted by Prince Shibidal, son of Userkon I, Oyra, 2815. 2), and grandson of the computer of Rehoboum, that this prince was at the same time the grandson, on the mother's side, of Paucennes II., secun to warrant the inference that the two grandlathes-belonged to one and the same generation, i.e. that the reigns of Paucennes III, and Shidal. It were, in part at leads, contraspormation.

hefore him, as in the present text. His name has not yet been found on the monuments, but his forename has turned up in the Serapeon. An Apis died under him. Marielte places it next to the second of the two which died under Home, and before that which led inder Settl., the brother of Armais. NOTE V. 107

b. This summise is strongly corroborated when we compare the remarkable variations in the Almechanism fargments as to the lengths of the respective reigns. The Eusebian tradition of Manchbor numbers assigns to Pausenness thirty-five quart; and these are necessary to complete the total of 130 years for dynatry, which not only Eusebian but Afficianus also assigns to these Tanite kings. Yet Afferson, concretedly the more trustworthy of the two, gives this king so more than fourteen years, at the cost of a want of turnousy between his total and his details. No emending pen four than a boust-total control of the con

Accordingly, we find an exactly complementary double tradition as to the length of the reign of Shishak I. Eusebius and Africanus agree in reporting that he reigned twenty-one years. but in the Syncelline Canon (the 'Sothis') he has thirty-four. There may have been authority for the statement that he reigned thirty-four years, and there is the best authority for the statement that he reigned but twenty-one. I submit, in anticipating an objection from the notorious bad faith of the Pseudo-Manethonian 'Sothis,' that the appearance of a variant number in that tainted Canon alone ought not so inso to put it out of court. At the same time I readily own that the evidence of a witness of this calibre is not to be lightly trusted without corroboration. But I contend that in this instance the striking variation is abundantly confirmed, both by a comparison of the traditional numbers between themselves, and, what weighs infinitely more, by the manumental indications. The 'thirty-five' and 'fourteen' for Psusennes II., and the 'thirty-four' and 'twenty-one' for Shishak I., point to their having been rival sovereigns for thirteen years, and to their then having made up their differences by an intermarriage between the two royal houses; which event the Buhastite, now first recognised by the Legitimist Manetho, survived twenty-one years, and the Tanite twenty-two. I now come to the monumental confirmation of this view, which I treat separately on account of its great importance.

- c. Viconta de Rouge long since called atention to the historical importance of the Banner Name of Shishak I., 'Crowned to unite the Upper and the Lower Countries.' This implies a previous period of antagonism between Upper and Lower Egypt, and its termination by some political arrangement symbolised by the recognition and coronation of the Bubastite Pharaols.
- d. Again, in the Silalis inacription, dated Payni 1st, in his twenty-first year, it is said of Shibaka It, that 'Anmong Ra has set him on the throne in order to finish what he began when he took the government of Egypt for the second time.' Here a twofold, if not a threshift reckning of the riega of the head of the Bubasitie house is affirmed by a contemporary monument.
- s. Still stronger, and indeed, in my view, conclusive of the question, is the testimony of the inscriptions on the back of the Nile-god statue already referred to. The Prince Shishak. who erected the monument, is thereon called the son of the marriage between the first Bubastite's son and next successor Osorkon L. and Bakamat, daughter of Pausennes II.: and, as already observed by Brugsch and others, both Psusennes II. and Osorkon I, there appear as living and reigning together. The statue is in the British Museum, and I again inspected it carefully the other day in company with its custodian, Dr. Birch, the most accomplished Egyptist in the world; and both of us were entirely agreed that there is not the slightest trace of the mortuary epithet 'Osirian,' or of the analogous term 'instified,' ever having been appended to either royal ring, as would almost infallibly have been the case had either been dead when the inscription was cut. The inference is irresistible. The date of the statue is the thirty-sixth current, but probably never completed, of Psusennes II., running parallel with the first of his son-in-law, Osorkon L., whose father, Shishak L., the young Prince Shishak's maternal grandfather, must have survived a whole twelvemonth. This is in exact accord with the literary tradition, that Psusennes II. reigned 'fourteen' years (viz. before the political marriage), and that he reigned 'thirtyfive ' (having survived that marriage twenty-one); further, that Shishak I. reigned 'thirty-four' years (viz. from his disputing the succession with Psusennes II.), but that he did not reign

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more than 'twenty-one,' dating from the treaty, of which the political marriage was the symbol.

I am happy to be able to add, that, having read this note to Dr. Birch, he authorises me to say he endorses my statement of the monumental facts, and deems my inferences from them reasonable.

## Nore VI.

## ON DEIOKES AND DAIUCCU.

## (Br Mr. Savel)

THE name of the Mannian (or Minnian) chief Daiuccu, who was transported to Hamath by Sargon in 715, shows no more than that the name Deiokes was a possible one among the Medes and their linguistically related neighbours in the 8th century B.C. But it may be possible to detect the Delokes of Herodotus in a name which occurs in the account of a later compaign of Sargon-somewhere about 714 or 713 n.c.against certain countries in the North-East. These are Ellibi-Karalla, and Bit-Daiuccu. Now as the names of the kines of the other countries are given, it appears your likely (as Lenormant has pointed out) that no monarch of Bit-Daiuccu is mentioned, because Daiueeu was still on the throne. If Lenormant (followed by Finzi) is right in identifying Ellibi with Ekbatana, Deiokes would not have become master of that part of Media until after R.c. 702, when Seppacherib came into conflict with Ispabara (? 'Aστιβαρας), who had been placed upon the throne of Ellibi by Sargon in B.c. 709, in preference to his brother Nibe, after the death of their father Dalta or Rita (compare 'Agrajos: the first character may be read either dal or ri). Now, according to Diodorus (II. 30), Ktesias -a very suspicious authority, certainly-stated that Aspadas was called Astvages by the Greeks; and I cannot help thinking that in the Greek accounts of both Deiokes and Astyages we have a confusion of the mythical Azi-dahâka and his exploits with an historical Dai-uccu. It is very possible that Dai-uccu not only recovered himself after Sargon's expedition. but extended his dominions, and furthered Nihe's pretensions after Dalta's death, thus occasioning Sargon's interference in Ellihi. His rise might thus be placed a.c. 711. As regards the name which Schrader and Lenormant write Dajunkku and Daynakku, the hast double consonant is eagh, while the preceding churacters should always be read dat, not dayn. It forms Gentile noum in Aswrian

### Nove VII.

#### MURDER OF JOSHUA AND ZECHARIAH.

Tue murder of 'a certain Joshua' by his 'brother' (in office?) the high priest Johannan, according to a tradition transmitted by Josephus (Ant. xi. 7), can be connected with the high-priest Joshua and his antagonist, adversary, or 'Satan,' to which one of the visions of Zechariah refers, and which we have connected with the year 518-517 B.C. For it is probable that Bagoses kept his promise and helped to procure for Joshua the highpriesthood. At that very exceptional time a second highpriest may well have been appointed, if the two lines of Agronites in Israel, called after Eleazar and Ithamar, have been by us with sufficient reason connected respectively with the tribes of Benjamin and of Judah. We have shown that 'the stranger' in Israel, the Kenite or Rechabite, in the time of Joshua settled in Arad with the tribe of Judah, that Thamar is by Philo called 'the stranger,' that the story of Judah's marriage with her may by the matrimonial metaphor be explained as referring to the national union between Hebrews and strangers, and that the line of Ithamar seems to refer to a highpriestly line of the stranger in Israel. of the Kenites to which Jethro belonged, and with which the Rechabites are ethnically connected. To the Rechabites, who had always been 'strangers' in Israel, but who nevertheless worshipped in the temple, and some of whose names are compounded with the name of Jehovah, Jeremia promised in the name of Jehovah-Zahaot a never-ceasing pricethood, and even a high priesthood, inasmuch as 'to stand before' God is an ex-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Keys of St. Peter, or the History of Rechab; comp. Die Einheit der Religionen, 1.

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pression referring to the highpriest in the Holiest of the Holy (Jer. xxxv. 18, 19.)

As Jethro 'the Kenite' or Rechabite, like Melchizedek, was a priest of the highest God, and yet a Non-Hebrew, the priesthood of Jethro and therefore also the priesthood promised to the sons of Rechab, the descendants of Jonadab, possibly a brother of David, might be called a priesthood fafter the order of Melchizedek.' This leads us to assume that the 110th Psalm may have been written by one of the Rechabites, of whom we are told that they followed the Hebrews into exile, and that this Psalm refers to the promise made by Divine command to Jonadab, the patriarch and Lord of the Rechabites, whose ininnetions they had so obediently followed, that Jeremiah pointed them out as patterns to Israel. The promised Messiah was to be a son of David, who descended from the Kenites that came from Hamath, so that, like David, the Messiah was to be a Non-Hebrew, a stranger in Israel. Melchizedek, the Non-Hebrew, is pointed out in Holy Writ as the type of the Messiah, of Jesus of Nazareth. Thus the connection is confirmed between the priesthood after the order of Melchizedek, and the stranger within the gates' of Israel.

This second priesthood of the stranger in Israel, with which the Agronio line of Ithamar seems to have been connected. occupied the highpriestly office in the time of Eli and his successors before Zadok (1148-774 B.c.), but it cannot be proved that any highpriest after Zadok, who was of the line of Eleazar, belonged to the line of Ithamar. Although the line of Ithamar did occupy the highnriestly chair, the succession of the line of Ithamar is omitted in the Chronicles (1 Chron. vi. 3-12; xxiv. 2-6), and yet the succession of the line of Eleazar is twice recorded. Moreover in that part of the book of Ezekiel which refers to the new temple, reference is made to a Divine command, that the sons of Zadok only, no other Asymptes than those of the line of Eleazar, should 'stand before' God, that is, annear as highpriests in the Holiest of the Holy (Ezek, xliv. 9-31). This command excludes the promise made by the prophet Jeremiah to the sons of Jonadab, the Rechabites or strangers, that Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to 'stand before' God 'for ever.'

Yet in the same book which bears the name of the prophet

Ezckiel, and directly connected with the above-quoted passage (Ezek, xliv. 7, 8), the fact is acknowledged and condemned. that at the time of the return from Babylon, and therefore at the time of the temple of Serubbahel in which Joshua officiated. Israel has brought into the sanctuary 'strangers, uncircumcised in the heart and uncircumcised in the flesh,' that they might be in God's sanctnary 'to pollute it.' The true Israel, according to the book of Ezekiel, ought not to have allowed strangers to be keepers of God's charge in the sanctuary. The true Israel. according to the book of Jeremiah, could not have done better than to appoint strangers in Israel to stand before God in the Holiest of the Holy. The fulfilment of the prophecy of Jeremigh is condemned by the prophet Ezekiel, although the prophet Zochariah sanctioned everything that was done by Seruhbabel and Joshua, whilst reforring to the adversary or Satan who 'stood before' the Angel of Jehovah at the right hand of Joshua 'to resist him' or 'to accuse him.' Perhans the 109th Pealm refers to Joshua and his adversary, the 84th to Joshua 'the anointed.'

We may now assert, that in the year to which that vision of Schanizh refers, 618-617 n.c., two highpriests officiated at Jerusalom, that is, Joshus, who probably belonged to the line of Hahama, and another highpriest, the adversary of Johns, of the hostile line of Rieszar. If we have shown that the muder in the temple of 'a certain Joshua' by his 'brother' (in office) the highpriest Johnsma may be connected with the highpriest Joshua and his adversary, who with him stood before the Lord in the Hollest of the Holy, the adversary of Joshua may be identified with the highpriest Johannan, the murdeer of Johnsta the highpriest.

In the works referred to, in which the first attempt has been made to sketch out the chain relations and the history of the stranger in Israel, we believe to have proved conclusively, that the first highpritest after the return from Ballyon, that Jahna, was the grandson and smeessor of the high priest Seraja, whom Nohukadneszar caused to be slain at Riblah, and that Seraja's predecesor was Azarish, which name has the same meaning at Belgaran, so that one name could be used instead of the other. This highpriest Joshua seems to have been the reviser of the CPro-veltor or 'Wisdom' of Sirach, the original of which was written

in Hebrew. The name Sirach is in ancient manuscripts written Scirach, and may be identified with Serajia the highpriest. In the prologue to the Apocrypha called Jenus Sirach or Ecclesiations, which prologue has probably been worked over at a later time in the form we possess it, Jenus or Johana is called the son of Scirach, and in the book itself is connected with its authorder of the state of the state of the state of the state of the wheely our identification of Sirach with Scraje the light pricts of of Jorusalam is confirmed.

It is said of this Sirnch, that he had collected, not that he published, 'grave and short seatoness of wise men that had been before him,' and that he 'thinself also added some of his wor, full or understanding and of wisdom.' St. Jerone know the Hebrew original of this Apocrypia, and Athanasius says, that it had been framed by 'the fathers, to be read by those who wish to be instruded in the word of godliness.' That the dissuffication of Sixuch and Sensig spains in force, for such collections of 'traditional lore, particularly if not intended for, the use of all, would be made by or with the authority of the high-priest, in times when the word of the interpreter or Targunist was held in higher reverence that the Scriptures.

It is of no importance whether the Greek translator of the collection of Simch lived in the time of the first or of the second of the Ptolemies and whether his name was likewise Jesus or Joshua. As Joshua or Jesus was the son of 'Sirach of Jerusalem,' so the latter is in ancient manuscripts called 'the son of Eleazar,' and in the Talmud likewise 'Jeshoshua ben Sira bon Elieser.' As we may substitute Azariah for Eleazar, the ancient and probably the original title of Ecclesiasticus referred to the names of three successive highpriests, to Azariah of the time of Jehojakim (since 610 B.C.), of Seraja the contemporary of Zedekiah (since 599), and of Joshua the contemporary of Serubbabel (since 536). The son of Seraia and father of Joshua, was Jehozadak, who was transported to Bubylon (1 Chron, vi. 15). Seraja the highpriest, son of Eleazar or Azariah the highpriest, collected the oracles of tradition, which by the son of Seraja, by Jehozadak, were safely kept, and by his on the highpriest Joshua were revised and, perhaps, amplified.

A welcome light is thus thrown on the origin and authority of 'the secret rolls.' the 'megillath setharim,' the Genûsim or

Appervoha, writings containing wisdom of the initiated. sccret tradition or 'hidden wisdom.' Such writings were composed by or with the sanction of the highest ecclesiastical authorities. What is now proved of the book of Ecclesiasticus may also be safely asserted with regard to the other Anographa the 'Wisdom of Solomon.' Since the predecessor of Azariah, to whom Scraia succeeded, was Hilkigh the highpriest and contemporary of Jereminh, if not his father, and as he found in the temple 'the book of the law of Jehovah (as given) by Moses, which was unknown to Hilkiah, to Huldah the prophetess, to Josiah, and the elders, but at once acknowledged as containing words of God, we may connect the proverbs of Simeh-Seraia with the discovery of this doesmont, which was made five years before Jeremiah's being acknowledged as a prophet, that is, in the eighteenth year of Josiah. 624 n.c. This not improbable connection is all the more important, because Hilkiah, father of Joromiah, was a priest of Anatoth in the land of Benjamin, and since Anatoth in the time of Joshua and of Solomon belonged to the Aaronites of the house of Ithamar (Jos. xxi. 18: 1 Kings ii. 26). Two of the most learned fathers of the Church, the Alexandrian Cloment and St. Jerome, have identified Hilkinh the father of Jeromiah with Hilkiah the highpriest. We may therefore, now assert, that since in no instance it can be proved that any possessions of Agronites became alienated from them, the line of Ithamar, to which Anatoth belonged, occupied the highpriesthood in the time of Hilkiah the priest of Anatoth. This being proved, it is equally certain that the highpriests Seraja and Joshua belonged to this Aaronic line which we have connected with the strangers or Rechabites to whom Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah promised in the name of God an eternal priesthood.

It becomes more and more probable that the 110th Pallon, retirring to this priesthood of the stranger in Land under the uname of a priesthood after the order or momer of Molhistock, was composed by one of these strangers or Reichallicis, whom Jereminh extelled. As Joshua is now proved to have been connected with the line of Rhamara, and therefore probably was a Rechablic, it is reasonable to assume that the 110th Pallon, referring to the fulfilment of Jeremink's prophecy by the elevation of Joshua to the highpriesthood, was composed in the time of Joshua, for not by hisself.

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A direct connection is now established between one of the most important Anographa of the Sentnagint, published between the second and the third century before the Christian ore and 'Parables of Knowledge' or 'Treasures of Wisdom' (Ecclus, i. 25), that is, oracles of tradition transmitted in writing by high priests before and immediately after the Babylonian captivity. The expression of enmity contained in the last chapter of Ecclesiasticus (1, 25, 26) against the Samaritans, the Philistines, and the neonle in Siehem occurs after the mention of the highwiest Simon the Just (Zadok, 391 2-348), and cannot be attributed to the highpriest Seraja or to Joshua. The essential and more developed doctrines of the Appervula contain a protest against the known doctrines of the Saddneses, especially against their non-helief in Angels or spirits, and the future life. also against their separatist principles as exemplified and acted upon by Ezra. The doctrines about the word or power or spirit of God saving the souls of mankind 'in all ages,' being the universal 'Saviour,' are directly connected with the teachings of Jesus and the apostles: they form the connecting link between the Old and the New Testament.

Before we proceed, we recapitulate the unian points of our investigation. In the yeer 556 Johnu was appointed high-priest at Jorumslem, and in 516 he consecrated the temple. If was the contemporary of Cyrus, Serubhalel, Camblyes, Hystaspea, and Bagoesa. The latter had promised and procured to Johnu the highpriest Johnuman. Whilst both were in the temple Johnuman mudrered Joshua. This took place in 516 or soon after, Joshua and Serubhabel being hat mentioned in 516, the year before Ear's mission to Jerusslem. Already in 518 Zechariah refers to an adversary of Joshua's standing at his right hand in the Holiest of the Holy, and Eschel' refers to the appointment of stangers in the second tample, even to the stranger standing before 600 as highprices.

The highpriest Joshua was a descendant from Sernja, Azariah, and Hillidah, the priest of Anatoh, in the possession of the line of Ithamar, which was connected with the continued priest-lood promised by Hillidah's son te the Rechabites or strangers, and to which the 110th Pealua refers as to a priesthood after the order or manner of Melchizedek. Like Melkizedek, Jethro,

and David, Joshua was a stranger in Izzael. So was Serubbale) and a descendant of the Royal house of Judah. Serubbale and Joshua were pointed out as God's chosen instruments by Zeelhariah the prophets, who was the son of Berechainh. A son of Serubbaled was called Berechainh (1 Chr. iii. 20), and therefore us likewise a descendant from David, the Kentle, Rochabits, or stranger.¹ We may therefore assume, that Zeelharishi's fulter becolicials was all likewise a stranger in Izzael. Johns, Serubbabel, and Zeelharish being strangers, must have encouraged the participation of the Samartizas in the building of the new temple, and likewise the marriages of Richews with strangers. You cancer these are mentioned among those who on this tion is, that they had caused to live between 518 and 515 (514), mor is any of them mentioned after this time.

If the number of Joshua in the temple took place in 315-515, just before or after Earn's arrival at Jorusalom with power over life and death, it is not likely that either Serubbaelo or Schanizh was spared. Indeed we have now over yeason to consider the prophet Zechnizhla, toon of Berechnizh, as the Zecharith, son of Berechnizhla, to who Jewus refers as having been murdered between the temple and the alter (Mat. xxili. 39-86). This reference is made in an address which is directly connected with 'the blood of the prophets,' and in which the Seribes and Plantaccoare called 'childres of them which killed the prophets,'

The murder of Josius the highpriest, and probably also that of Zeshariah the prophet, having taken piace about the time when Eura hanished all those who had married strange wives, including Anomites, the taking of Jerusulem by Biggoess, to which Josephus refers, seems to have taken piace during the short and churphy ended governornip of Ears in 1615. If Eura remained in Jerusalem during this attack—which is most likely he will have been put to death by Reguess, just as the highpriest Seraja was put to death by Nelukadnezauz after the sige of Jerusulem. This assumption is confirmed by the mysterious fact, that Eura is not mentioned a few months after his arrival at Jerusalem as governor.

About David's descent see Kaye of St. Peter, and Einkeit der Religionen, i., 220.

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According to the statement of Josephus, Bagoses punished the Jews for the murder of Joshua by imposing on them a tribute to be paid during seven years. It can be proved that this important event took where before Nebeniah was appointed governor. For it is stated at the commencement of the book of Nehemiah, that in the 20th year of the reign of 'Artaxerxes,' that is, of the 'king of the Arvans.' Hystaspes-therefore in the year 502-one of Nebemiah's brothren, Hanani, with several men of Judah came to Nehemiah in the palace of Shushan, when the royal curbearer tasked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.' The reply was, 'The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach, the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.' To the same time refers the 80th Psalm, where reference is made to the walls of Jerusalem being broken down and burnt with fire (13, 17). Thus the Alexandrian tradition is confirmed, according to which this Psalm was composed during the Assyrian rule.

We may now assert, that the attack on Jerusalem was made by Bagoses in the year 515, and that it put an end to the embassy of Ezra, and probably to his life. The consequence of this must have been an increased influence of the stranger at Jerusalem, and thus of the party of the stranger in Ismel. Ezra's attempt to put an end to that influence might have led. under the protection of Bagoses in Samaria and Haman at Babylon, to an attempt to destroy the influence of the Hebrew party opposed to the stranger by a wholesale massage, such as is more or less noglically described in the book of Esther. The beauty of this Benjamite played an important part in the pulsee intrigue, by which Mordechai was appointed in the place of Haman. The new policy ensuing on this change of ministers saved the Hebrew party at Jerusalem, and the feast of Purin was instituted on the 14th and 15th Adar (Nisan) of the 12th year of Ahasnerus or Darius Hystaspes-thus in the year 510, only a few months before the seven years of tribute were over which Bagoses had imposed at the end of Ezra's mission. The first Purim-feast took place 2,383 years ago.



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